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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

New virus clusters reignite concerns of second wave

By FRANK JORDANS
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Associated Press

BERLIN — A family in China, nightclubs in South Korea and a slaughterhouse in Germany: New clusters of coronavirus infections are igniting concerns about a second wave even as calls grow in some countries to relax restrictions even further.

In Germany, where thousands have protested remaining restrictions in recent days, health officials say the number of people each confirmed coronavirus patient

U.S. HIT HARDEST

The United States has seen 1.3 million infections and nearly 80,000 deaths in the pandemic — the most in the world by far, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

SOURCE: Associated Press

infects rose above 1 again, reflecting a renewed increase in cases. The number must be below 1 for outbreaks to decline.

Health officials worldwide are watching

to see just how much infection rates rise in a second wave as nations and states emerge from varying degrees of lockdown.

Later Sunday, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was expected to take a different tack, keeping most restrictions in place as he reveals a "road map" for the country that has the most official virus deaths in Europe at over 31,600. His Conservative government was criticized for being slow to react to the pandemic, but after falling ill with the virus himself, Johnson has taken a tougher line.

China reported 14 new cases Sunday, its first double-digit rise in 10 days. Eleven of

12 domestic infections were in the northeastern province of Jilin, which prompted authorities to raise the threat level in one of its counties, Shulan, to high risk, just days after downgrading all regions to low risk.

Authorities said the Shulan outbreak originated with a 45-year-old woman who had no recent travel or exposure history but spread it to her husband, her three sisters and other family members. Train services in the county were being suspended.

"Epidemic control and prevention is a serious and complicated matter, and local

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Musk threatens to move Tesla over restrictions

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

Tesla CEO Elon Musk threatened to pull the company's factory and headquarters out of California and sued local officials who have stopped Tesla from reopening its electric vehicle factory.

In a lawsuit filed in federal court, Tesla accused the Alameda County Health Department of overstepping federal and state coronavirus restrictions when it stopped Tesla from restarting production at its factory in

Fremont. The lawsuit contends that Tesla factory workers are allowed to work during California's stay-at-home order because the facility is considered "critical infrastructure."

"Frankly, this is the final straw," Musk tweeted Saturday. "Tesla will now move its HQ and future programs to Texas/Nevada immediately."

He wrote that whether the company keeps any manufacturing in Fremont depends on how Tesla is treated in the future.

In a statement Saturday, Alam-

eda County's Health Department said that it has been working with Tesla to develop a safety plan allowing the Fremont plant to reopen while protecting workers.

"We look forward to coming to an agreement on an appropriate safety plan very soon," the statement said.

The department also noted that "it is our collective responsibility to move through the phases of reopening and loosening the restrictions of the shelter-in-place order in the safest way possible, guided by data and science."

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Euro costs (May 11).....	\$1.06	Thailand (Bahr).....	37.22
Dollar buys (March 11).....	69.687	Turkey (Lira).....	7.142
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Yen buys (March 11).....	69.687	facilities in the country of issuance.	
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Lt. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, right, speaks with Lt. Gen. David Berger after taking command of Marine Corps Forces Pacific at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, on Aug. 8, 2018. Craparotta was nominated Wednesday to head the Marine Training and Education Command in Quantico, Va.

Top Pacific Marine nominated to lead Corps' training command

By JOSEPH DITZLER
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — The boss of all Marines in the Pacific is heading back to the mainland to lead the service's training component, according to an announcement by Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

Lt. Gen. Lewis Craparotta was nominated Wednesday to head the Quantico, Va.-based Marine Training and Education Command, according to Esper's office. The Vermont native and graduate of the University of Vermont has been commander of the Hawaii-based Marine Corps Forces Pacific since August 2018.

Craparotta was commissioned in 1983. He's served as a platoon, regimental and division commander before taking the helm of I Marine Expeditionary Force in July 2016. Along the way, Craparotta served as an adviser to the Saudi Arabia Royal Marines, worked with Special Operations

Command, Europe, and as director of operations, U.S. Northern Command, among other assignments.

To succeed Craparotta the administration nominated Lt. Gen. Steven Rudder, now the deputy commandant for aviation in Washington, D.C.

Rudder, who was commissioned in 1984, knows the Pacific as a past commander of the 1st Marine Air Wing on Okinawa. He's also led Marine Air Group 26 at al Asad Air Base during Operation Iraqi Freedom, commanded a deployed Marine helicopter squadron during an Operation Dynamic Mix exercise in Europe; and deployed to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Qatar during the war in Afghanistan.

Rudder is a Connecticut native and holds a bachelor's in business administration from Boston University and master's degrees from the Marine Corps Command and

Staff College and the Army War College.

Their nominations top a two-page list of general staff personnel changes announced by Esper. Among them is Col. Peter Huntley, deputy commander of Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Huntley is tapped for a star, moving him up to brigadier general, according to the list. He enlisted in 1984 and served three years with the 1st Ranger Battalion before his discharge. Commissioned in 1991 through the Platoon Leader's Course, he rose through the officers' ranks with service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A National War College graduate, Huntley most recently served with the Combined Joint Interagency Task Force-Syria as director of plans and operations.

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Bill introduced to help families amid move order

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WASHINGTON — A bill introduced Friday would provide some financial relief during the coronavirus pandemic to some military families whose moves were halted by the Defense Department's stop-movement order.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper ordered the first travel restrictions in March and later extended the stop-movement order for all service members and their families until June 30. Tens of thousands of military moves that were planned have been paused and families who had already signed a new lease at their next location have been stuck paying for two homes.

The bill introduced by Rep. Mike Levin, D-Calif., would amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to include stop-movement orders as a reason to terminate a lease. The legislation was introduced with the leadership of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Reps. Mark Takano, D-Calif., and Phil Roe, R-Tenn.

A similar bill was introduced in the Senate on Wednesday by Sens. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., and Jon Tester, D-Mont., leadership of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

"Service members are prepared to sacrifice for our country, but they should never suffer significant personal financial losses as a result of following orders," Levin said in a prepared statement. "While I appreciate the Defense Department's efforts to keep servicemembers safe during this pandemic, it's unacceptable that some military families have been forced to pay for a second home that they can't even move into due to the stop-move-

'Service members are prepared to sacrifice for our country, but they should never suffer significant personal financial losses as a result of following orders.'

Rep. Mike Levin
D-Calif.

ment order."

The update would allow service members who are moving and have signed a lease for a home or business to terminate that lease if a stop-movement order for more than 30 days is issued and they are unable to occupy the property. The change also applies to vehicle leases.

The bill also retroactively applies to stop-movement orders issued on or after March 1, allowing relief for military families stressed now because of the pandemic.

"No servicemember or their family should have to worry about whether they will face an added financial burden because of the stop-movement order DoD put in place to stop the spread of (the coronavirus)," Roe said in the prepared statement. "By allowing them to cancel a lease for a new car or house without penalty, this legislation would give them the flexibility and peace of mind they need during these trying times."

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Sonic booms from German jets rattle residents near Ramstein base

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — German Eurofighters flying over the state of Rheinland-Pfalz broke the sound barrier several times in recent days, shaking houses, rattling windows and unnerving more than a few people and pets.

The fighter jets eclipsed the speed of sound at different times Thursday and Friday, causing sonic booms that were heard and felt across the Kaiserslautern area and beyond, according to

chatter on the Ramstein/KMC Spouses group page.

"SONIC BOOM ... Peel your cat off the ceiling and resume homeschooling!" a commenter posted at 9:42 a.m. Thursday, about two minutes after the first boom was heard.

The post set off a flurry of comments, with many cracking jokes and others relieved to know the explosive sounds weren't bombs going off.

Another person from Kaiserslautern said, "We never hear or feel anything where we live ... but we heard and felt that one and ... I

no longer need morning coffee."

Someone who had recently returned from deployment said, "I thought it was another mortar attack. Lol."

The German air force flies Eurofighter Typhoon jets, which can reach top speeds of around 1,550 mph — just over twice the speed of sound, or Mach 2.

Eight aircraft trained throughout the day Thursday in reserved air space at an unspecified location, a spokesman with the German Military Aviation Authority said by phone Friday.

Four of them were flying at

speeds of around 851 knots, or about 979 mph, at an altitude of 42,979 feet when the first boom went off at 9:40 a.m., the spokesman said. The thinner air above 40,000 feet means the sound barrier is hit at about 660 mph.

"Only two of the jets went to supersonic speed," the spokesman said.

Later Thursday, at about 2:36 p.m., two of the four Eurofighters flying at just above 41,000 feet hit 966 mph.

More sonic booms were heard Friday when two of five Eurofighters involved in intercept

drills reached about 875 mph while flying at around 43,000 feet, the spokesman said.

No laws were broken during the training, the spokesman said. He was unable to say whether residents should prepare to hear more sonic booms in coming days.

It was unclear if there were any reports of property damage from the booms, but someone on the spouses' page asked where they could report a broken window.

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WAR/MILITARY

Army showcases firepower at Grafenwoehr

By IMMANUEL JOHNSON
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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — The 41st Field Artillery Brigade launched multiple rockets Friday in a live-fire exercise emblematic of the Army's plans to beef up its firepower in Europe.

"Having the fires brigade in Germany speaks to the Army's overall priority of getting the long-range fires back into the Army," battery commander Capt. Rex Swindlehurst said.

The M270A1 is a self-propelled multiple rocket launcher in service since the 1980s, with a top range of more than 100 miles. It has been used by a number of NATO countries and allies around the world.

The unit on Friday fired reduced range practice rockets, which can travel about 9 miles.

During the Cold War, the 41st FAB spent 33 years in Germany before being withdrawn in 2005.

Plans call for the unit, which

arrived in Grafenwoehr in 2018, to receive a second field artillery battalion in September, brigade commander Col. Seth Knazovich said during the exercise.

"We will be at our authorized strength at that point," he said. "We will have two MLRS battalions, the brigade support battalion, the brigade signal company as well as headquarters established in Grafenwoehr."

The brigade's move to Europe was an early result of the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, spurred by a U.S. priority of boosting NATO's collective defense in the face of a militarily more assertive Russia.

The coronavirus outbreak hasn't adversely affected brigade training, commanders said.

"Our soldiers ... understand the serious nature of the pandemic and do their part to stop the spread," Swindlehurst said.

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A rocket launches as soldiers with the 41st Field Artillery Brigade conduct a crew recertification training exercise.

Staff Sgt. Robert Chronister, a section chief with the 41st Field Artillery Brigade, ensures practice rockets are loaded in the Multiple Launch Rocket System before a crew recertification training exercise at Grafenwoehr, Germany on Friday.

Citing virus, Iran says it's ready for US prisoner swap

By NASSER KARIMI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran says it is ready for unconditional prisoner swap talks with the United States because of fears that the coronavirus could put the lives of the prisoners at risk, Iranian media reported Sunday.

An Iranian news website, Khabaronline.ir, quoted Cabinet spokesman Ali Rabiei as saying there is a "readiness for all prisoners" to be discussed without condition.

"But the U.S. has refused to answer, so far," said Rabiei. "We hope that as the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease threatens the lives of Iranian citizens in the U.S. prisons, the U.S. government eventually will prefer lives to politics."

A senior U.S. official, who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, said, "There has been no offer and no offer of direct talks."

Rabiei said Iran considers the U.S. government responsible for the health of the

Iranian prisoners, adding that "it seems that the U.S. has more readiness to bring the situation to an end." Rabiei did not elaborate, but Iranian media in recent months said there are several Iranians in U.S. custody, including Siros Asgari, a 60-year-old university professor.

Last week, U.S. officials said they were making progress in efforts to secure the release of a detained Navy veteran in Iran. But they were also pushing back on Iranian suggestions that a swap was in the works

for the imprisoned Iranian professor. U.S. officials have been trying to deport Asgari since last year.

Ken Cuccinelli, the acting deputy Homeland Security secretary, said Wednesday that the cases of American detainee Michael White in Iran and Asgari have never been connected. He expressed frustration with recent comments from Iranian officials that there may be a link between the two and complained that Iran had been slow to accept Asgari's return.

Taliban says they don't have missing American contractor

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Taliban leaders searched their ranks, including in the much-feared Haqqani network, and on Sunday told The Associated Press they are not holding Mark R. Frerichs, a Navy veteran turned contractor who disappeared in Afghanistan in late January.

"We don't have any information about the missing American," So-hail Shaheen, the Taliban's political spokesman, told the AP.

A second Taliban official familiar with the talks with the United States said "formally and informally" the Taliban have notified U.S. officials they are not holding Frerichs. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Washington's peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, who negotiated a peace deal with the Taliban signed in February to allow America and NATO countries to withdraw their troops and end decades of war, asked for Frerichs'

release during his meetings this week in Qatar, where the Taliban maintain a political office.

In a statement late Saturday by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Khalilzad also sought Pakistan's help in locating Frerichs.

Earlier last week, the FBI took the unusual step of putting out a poster with Frerichs' picture on it seeking information into his disappearance and whereabouts, something they have not done in previous incidents where the Taliban have taken hostages.



Twitter/AP

Mark Frerichs, a contractor from Illinois, poses in Iraq in this undated photo obtained from Twitter.

PACIFIC

Pair of vets who survived attack on Pearl Harbor die

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

Two former sailors who survived the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 while aboard battleships died in recent days, one of whom was grand marshal this past December in the annual parade in Honolulu commemorating the attack.

Daniel R. Kramer, 103, of Clinton, Iowa, died Monday at an assisted-living facility in that town, according to an obituary posted by Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes.

He was aboard the USS California on the morning of the massive Japanese raid that badly crippled America's Pacific Fleet.

Thomas Berg, 98, of Port Townsend, Wash., died April 24, according to an obituary in The Leader newspaper. He was aboard the USS Tennessee at the time of the attack.

Berg, born July 19, 1922, was a regular face at the annual Dec. 7 observances at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In December he served as grand marshal for the annual parade, which he had ridden in each year since 2011.

During the 2018 commemoration, Berg recounted for Stars and Stripes how he had joined the Navy right out of high school in 1940 and had been assigned below deck in Boiler Room 7 on the USS Tennessee on the morning of the attack. The ship was moored on Battleship Row beside the USS West Virginia.

He was walking the deck for

some fresh air before heading to the boiler room for the day's work, then stopped into his living quarters.

Moments later, a clarinet player from the morning-colors band raced in, shouting that the Japanese were bombing.

"Everybody reeled back and thought he'd gone berserk," Berg said.

Below deck in the boiler room, Berg's job was to communicate by radio with a sailor on the navigation bridge.

"He was describing what was going on," Berg said. "He told us when the Oklahoma turned over, when the West Virginia was sinking and listing."

When the [USS] Arizona's magazine blew up, the repercussion drove smoke down the Tennessee's pipes into the boiler room, burning off the eyebrows of some men, Berg said. The Tennessee's stern was engulfed in flames from the Arizona's burning fuel oil.

"I was scared stiff," he said. Berg went on to submarine duty during World War II and was discharged in 1946, according to his obituary. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering, and in the late 1960s was a test engineer for the Mark 45 torpedo at Naval Torpedo Station-Keypoint. He retired in 1977.

He is survived by Lesa Barnes, his wife of 21 years.

Kramer, born Sept. 21, 1916, enlisted in the Navy in 1940 and was commissioned an ensign on



June 12, 1941, according to his obituary.

Kramer headed for his battle station on the USS California when the general quarters alarm was sounded the morning of the attack, he told the Clinton Herald newspaper several years ago.

"We did not get underway before we were attacked by bombs and torpedoes," he said. "The battleship slowly sank in the water where the main deck was under water, but the rest of the battleship was not. It was a total surprise."

Almost 100 men died aboard the California.

Kramer was discharged as a lieutenant commander in 1946. He returned to Clinton where he worked for E. I. DuPont for 32 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, three children, six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

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Above: Flanked by fellow survivors of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Thomas Berg talks with his wife, Lesa Barnes, before the start of a commemoration of the event in Hawaii in December. Left: Berg speaks to reporters at the Pearl Harbor Visitor's Center in Hawaii in December.

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Okinawa recovers from recent hog cholera epidemic

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — As Okinawa prefecture works to combat the coronavirus pandemic, it appears to have won the fight against another highly infectious disease: classical swine fever.

Also known as hog cholera, the viral disease, highly contagious and fatal to pigs, was discovered on the island prefecture Jan. 8 when an Uruma city farmer report-

ed pig deaths due to an unknown respiratory ailment, officials said at the time.

Since then, nine other farms have been infected and 12,381 pigs destroyed, a prefectural government spokesman said. Some government officials in Japan customarily speak on condition of anonymity. Officials imposed travel restrictions on farmers transporting pigs to stem the spread.

The last outbreak of the disease was reported at an Uruma city farm on March

12, resulting in the deaths of 440 pigs, the spokesman said. All travel restrictions for pigs on Okinawa were lifted April 14.

"We had to vaccinate over 170,000 pigs on the mainland of Okinawa and we will continue to vaccinate newborn piglets as well," the spokesman said. "All the travel bans are lifted in Okinawa with no new cases since March."

The hog cholera vaccine prevents the onset of symptoms in pigs, but all a farm's pigs must be destroyed if even one tests

positive for the virus, per Japanese law, the spokesman said.

Classical swine fever was never a serious threat to public health on Okinawa; there has never been a reported case of it being transmitted to humans, Japanese officials said in January. However, pork is staple of Okinawan cuisine and its production integral to the island's economy.

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Appeals court refuses to halt MCAS Futenma relocation over species

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Environmental groups lost their bid to halt the relocation of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma on Okinawa after a U.S. appellate panel ruled for the Pentagon in a challenge over an endangered species.

A three-judge panel from the 9th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday upheld an earlier decision that the Defense Department had adequately weighed the impact of a new runway at Camp Schwab on the Okinawan dugong, an indigenous, elusive marine mammal and cousin to the manatee.

Fewer than 10 dugongs are left in Okinawa, the Japan Times reported in

December.

The Marine Corps is filling in a portion of Oura Bay at Camp Schwab for a runway to replace the one at MCAS Futenma.

U.S. District Judge Edward Chen of San Francisco ruled for the Defense Department in August 2018. The lawsuit, filed in 2003 by the Arizona-based Center for Biological Diversity, U.S. and Japanese

environmental groups and individuals, argued the U.S. government pursued MCAS Futenma's relocation without considering "its potential adverse effects" on the dugong.

After learning of Wednesday's defeat, the plaintiffs vowed another lawsuit, the Okinawa Times newspaper reported Friday.

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NATION

French parents anguish over sending kids to school

By SYLVIE CORBET
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PARIS — As France prepares to start letting public life resume after eight weeks under a coronavirus lockdown, many parents are deeply torn over a question without a clear or correct answer: should I send my child back to school?

The French government is easing some of the closure and home-confinement orders it imposed March 17 to curb infections, with businesses permitted to reopen, residents cleared to return to workplaces and schools welcoming some students again starting Monday.

Only preschools and elementary schools are set to start up at first, and classes will be capped at 10 students at preschools and 15 elsewhere. Administrators were told to prioritize instruction for children ages 5, 6 and 10.

Due to the slow startup, as well as ongoing fears about COVID-19 in hard-hit France, school attendance will not be compulsory right away. Parents and guardians may keep children at home, and teachers will provide lessons like they have during the nationwide lockdown.

Students with parents who want or need to send them to school are not guaranteed places in the smaller classes and will only be allowed to attend if their school can accommodate them.

Education Minister Jean-Michel Blanquer stated that 80% to 85% of France's 50,500 preschools and elementary schools



OLEG CETNIC/AP

Kimkhi Nguyen plays on a sofa with his children Mila, 7, and Andre, 3, in Paris.

will open this week. Junior high schools in regions with fewer virus cases are expected to reopen May 18. A target date hasn't been scheduled yet for high schools.

Given the ambiguous education guidance and uncertainties over spreading the coronavirus, French parents are conflicted as they puzzle over making the most responsible decision.

Cecile Bardin, whose two sons are 6 and 2, said that she thinks it is "too soon" to put them back in their nursery and primary schools in Paris.

"I am not reassured at the moment, because it will be very difficult to keep safe distance at school, especially for the little ones, who will want to play together," Bardin said.

Mathilde Manaud and her partner are raising their 3-year-old and 7-year-old in Le Pre Saint-Gervais, in the French capital's eastern suburbs. They agreed to send the children kids back to school if there are spaces.

"Truth is, we don't know whether we are right to do so or not, we don't know if it's a mistake. We ask ourselves this question every day,

and we change our mind every day," Manaud said. "We are trying to convince ourselves that if they are reopening, they assume they can handle the situation."

Returning students will find their classrooms running differently. Teachers will wear masks and remind children to social distance from each other and to wash their hands several times a day.

French President Emmanuel Macron sought to reassure parents and teachers while visiting an elementary school in a town west of Paris last week. Macron

said that schools would reopen gradually because he wants "things done well."

School director Mathieu Morel warned the president that "children remain children. There are spontaneous moves which are hard to prevent."

The school expects about 50 children out of an enrolled 181 to come back this week.

Some mayors in France have refused to reopen local schools just yet. Michele Berthry, mayor of the town of Montmorency north of Paris, sent parents a letter saying that the government's health guidelines were "unenforceable."

"Although I'm for the relaunch of our economy, I am certain that public health must remain our priority," Berthry wrote.

Mayors in other areas set local restrictions on enrollment, such as limiting school access to children of essential workers such as police officers and health care providers, and to families whose living conditions are precarious.

Paris officials estimated that about 15% of the city's students will be able to go back to school. Other towns and cities think they can serve about half of the children normally in preschool and elementary school.

Scientists are still split on the role that children play in transmitting the coronavirus, which has infected over 176,000 people in France, killing at least 26,300 of them, according to government figures.

Clusters: European nations trying to balance restrictions with easements

FROM FRONT PAGE

authorities should never be overly optimistic, war-weary or off-guard," said Jilfin Communist Party secretary Bayin Chaolu.

Jilin also shares a border with North Korea, which insists that it has no virus cases, much to the disbelief of international health authorities.

South Korea reported 34 more cases as new infections linked to nightclubs threaten the country's hard-won gains against the virus. It was the first time that South Korea's daily infections were above 30 in about a month.

Across Europe, many nations were easing lockdowns even further even as they prepared to clamp down on any new infections.

Turkey's senior citizens got their first chance to venture outside in seven weeks Sunday. "It's very nice to be out of the house after such a long time," said Ethem Topaloglu, 68, who wore a mask as he strolled in a park in the capital, Ankara. "Although I've been able to sit on the balcony, it's not the same as walking around outside."

Czechia, which managed to push daily new infections below 1,000 before deciding to loosen

restrictions, has seen regional spikes in cases linked to slaughterhouses and nursing homes.

German officials have expressed concerns about the growing number of large demonstrations, including one in the southwestern city of Stuttgart that drew thousands of participants. Police in Berlin had to step in Saturday after hundreds of people failed to respect social distancing measures at anti-lockdown rallies.

Chancellor Angela Merkel and the governors of Germany's 16 states last week cleared the way for restaurants, hotels and remaining stores to reopen. The country's soccer league resumes this week, despite a number of professional players testing positive for COVID-19, and more students are returning to school beginning Monday.

With tourism a major industry in Italy, hotel owners, tour guides, beach resorts and others who depend heavily on the summer season are pressing to know when citizens can travel across the country. In a newspaper interview Sunday, Premier Giuseppe Conte promised that the restriction on inter-regional movement would be lifted, but only after

authorities better determine how the virus outbreak evolves.

Residents in some Spanish regions will be able to enjoy limited seating at bars, restaurants and other public places Monday, but Madrid and Barcelona, the country's largest cities, will remain shut down. Spain on Sunday reported 143 new deaths from the virus, the lowest daily increase since March 19.

In a speech to Britain on Sunday night, Johnson was expected to announce a 14-day quarantine for all travelers coming to the U.K. except those from Ireland, as part of measures aimed at avoiding a second peak of the pandemic. Aviation and travel industry groups have already protested the expected measures as devastating to the British economy.

Russia, in contrast, is still reporting rising infections. Figures released Sunday recorded 11,012 new cases, the highest one-day tally yet, for a total of nearly 210,000 cases and 1,915 reported deaths. Russian officials attribute the sharp rise in part to increased testing, but health experts have said that Russia's coronavirus data has been significantly under-reported.

In the United States, former

President Barack Obama harshly criticized his successor Donald Trump's handling of the pandemic. Obama told former members of his administration that combating the virus would have been bad even for the best of governments, but it's been "an absolute chaotic disaster" when the mindset of "what's in it for me" infiltrates government, according to a recording obtained by Yahoo News.

Many families celebrated Mother's Day weekend from afar, delaying or changing their normal plans each year in a time of social distancing and isolation. A nursing home in Miami held a Mother's Day parade on Saturday, with children and grandchildren driving past the windows and waving at loved ones inside. Others grieved for those victims of the virus that has caused particular suffering for the elderly and previously sick.

The U.S. has seen 1.3 million infections and nearly 80,000 deaths in the pandemic — the most in the world by far, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. The U.S. debate over easing lockdowns has polarized along partisan lines, as over 33 million Americans have filed for unemployment and business activity

has ground to a halt.

In New York, the deadliest hot spot in the U.S., Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that three children died from a possible complication of the coronavirus involving swollen blood vessels and heart problems. Cuomo was also criticized by some for not doing enough to counter the surge of deaths in nursing homes, where about 5,300 residents have died.

Three members of the White House coronavirus task force, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, placed themselves in quarantine after coming in contact with someone who tested positive.

Fauci is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and has become nationally known for his simple and direct explanations to the public about the coronavirus and COVID-19, the disease it causes. Also quarantining are Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, Stephen Hahn.

Worldwide, 4 million people have been reported infected and nearly 280,000 have died, over half of them in Europe, according to Johns Hopkins.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Trump advisers cite need to stop lasting economic toll in US

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some of President Donald Trump's top economic advisers emphasized on Sunday the importance of states getting more businesses and offices open even as the pandemic makes its way to the White House complex, forcing three members of the administration's coronavirus task force into self-quarantine.

The president and governors who will decide when to reopen their states are facing competing pressures. More economic activity and travel will likely lead to more people contracting COVID-19. But tight restrictions on which businesses can operate are causing millions of people to join the ranks of the unemployed. Decisions about how fast to reopen come with a general election less than six months away, and Trump and other incumbents facing the prospects of seeking another term

in the midst of a public health and economic crisis.

"If we do this carefully, working with the governors, I don't think there's a considerable risk," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on "Fox News Sunday." "Matter of fact, I think there's a considerable risk of not reopening. You're talking about what would be permanent economic damage to the American public."

Another 3.2 million U.S. workers applied for jobless benefits last week, bringing the total over the last seven weeks to 33.5 million as states restrict activities to slow the spread of the virus. Mnuchin said the jobless numbers "are probably going to get worse before they get better," but he expected the economic numbers to improve in the second half of 2020 and that next year would be a "great year."

Gov. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, announced this past week that his state's bars and restaurants can



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Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, right, talks with White House chief economic adviser Larry Kudlow prior to a meeting between President Donald Trump and Republican lawmakers in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington on Friday.

fully reopen in two weeks, on May 21, with outside dining allowed a few days earlier. Barbershops, hair salons, nail salons and day spas will also reopen this coming Friday.

He said he wished the number of coronavirus cases were going down, but the state needs to come back "very carefully."

"We've got to try to do two things at once and it's, you know, no one is underestimating how difficult this is, but it's something that we have to do," DeWine said on Fox.

"And so this is a very, very scary virus. You know, that people are going to go back to work and they're gonna be worried

about things," White House adviser Kevin Hassett said. "And it's going to take a while for things to get back to normal, absolutely."

At the same time, he said some \$9 trillion has been injected into the economy through actions taken by Congress, the White House and the Federal Reserve.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

US turned down offer to manufacture N95 masks

By Aaron C. Davis
The Washington Post

It was Jan. 22, a day after the first case of COVID-19 was detected in the United States, and orders were pouring into Michael Bowen's company outside Fort Worth, some from as far away as Hong Kong.

Bowen's medical supply company, Prestige Ameritech, could ramp up production to make an additional 1.7 million N95 masks a week. He viewed the shutting domestic production of medical masks as a national security issue, though, and he wanted to give the federal government first dibs.

"We still have four like-new N95 manufacturing lines," Bowen wrote that day in an email to top administrators in the Department of Health and Human Services. "Reactivating these machines would be very difficult and very expensive but could be achieved in a dire situation."

But communications over several days by senior agency officials—including Robert Kadlec, the assistant secretary for preparedness and emergency response—left Bowen with the clear impression that there was little immediate interest in his offer.

"I don't believe we as a government are anywhere near answering those questions for you yet," Laura Wolf, director of the agency's Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection, responded that same day.

Bowen persisted. "We are the last major domestic mask company," he wrote on Jan.

23. "My phones are ringing now, so I don't need government business. I'm just letting you know that I can help you preserve our infrastructure if things ever get really bad. I'm a patriot first, businessman second."

In the end, the government did not take Bowen up on his offer. Even today, production lines that could be making more than 7 million masks a month sit dormant.

Bowen's overture was described briefly in an 89-page whistleblower complaint filed last week by Rick Bright, former director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority. Bright alleges he was retaliated against by Kadlec and other officials—including being reassigned to a lesser post—because he tried to "prioritize science and safety over political expediency." HHS has disputed his allegations.

The story of Bowen's offer illustrates a missed opportunity in the early days of the pandemic, one laid out in Bright's whistleblower complaint, interviews with Bowen and emails provided by both men.

Within weeks, a shortage of masks was endangering healthcare workers in hard-hit areas across the country, and the Trump administration was scrambling to buy more masks. President Donald Trump came under pressure to use extraordinary government powers to force private industry to ramp up production.

In a statement, White House economic adviser and coronavirus task force member Peter Navarro said: "The company was just extremely difficult to work

and communicate with. This was in sharp contrast to groups like the National Council of Textile Organizations and companies like Honeywell and Parkdale Mills, which have helped America very rapidly build up cost effective domestic mask capacity measuring in the hundreds of millions."

A senior U.S. government official with knowledge of the offer said Bowen, 62, has a "legitimate beef."

"He was prescient, really," the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to describe internal deliberations. "But the reality is [HHS] didn't have the money to do it at that time."

For Bowen, the first signs of trouble came in mid-January. On-line orders through his company's website, typically totaling maybe \$2,000 a year and accounting for only a fraction of his business, suddenly skyrocketed to almost \$700,000 in a few days.

Inside HHS, Bright quickly passed Bowen's on-the-ground observations to a group that included Wolf, the director of the agency's Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection.

Within a day, Bowen sent an email to Wolf laying out what Prestige could do. The company's four mothballed manufacturing lines could be restarted with large noncancelable orders, he wrote.

Over the next three days, Bowen kept HHS officials informed as orders for a million masks came in from intermediaries for buyers in China and Hong Kong.

Nearly a month after his emailed offer, Bowen received his



Elizabeth Givens

Mike Bowen, vice president of Prestige Ameritech, stands with a load of masks to be sent to MD Anderson Cancer Center. The U.S. government did not take Bowen up on his offer to make N95 masks.

first formal communication about possibly helping to bolster the U.S. supply. The five-page form letter from the Food and Drug Administration asked how his company could help with what was by then a "national emergency response" to the shortage of protective gear.

In March, Bowen submitted a bid to supply masks to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which by then had taken over purchasing.

The government soon spent over \$600 million on contracts involving masks. Big companies like Honeywell and 3M were each awarded contracts totaling for over \$170 million for protective

gear. One distributor of tactical gear—a company with no history of procuring medical equipment—was awarded a \$55 million deal to provide masks for as much as \$5.50 a piece, eight times what the government was paying months earlier.

On April 7, FEMA awarded Prestige a \$9.5 million contract to provide a million N95 masks a month for one year, an order the company could fulfill without activating its dormant manufacturing lines. For the masks, Prestige charged the government 79 cents a piece.

Governors aim to boost production of medical supplies

By David A. Lieberman
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Frustrated by scarce supplies and a chaotic marketplace amid the coronavirus outbreak, some U.S. governors are seeking to bolster their home-state production of vital medical and protective equipment to ensure a reliable long-term source for state stockpiles.

The efforts come as states have been competing against each other, the federal government, hospitals, emergency responders and even other countries to get items such as N95 masks, gloves, medical gowns and hand sanitizer—an often paying higher-than-usual prices because of the high demand.

Before the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. got much of its medical supplies from China. But China limited exports earlier this year amid its own fight against the virus, which began there. When the federal stockpile ran short, states that had only mini-



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Gov. Charlie Baker, right, views products with Charlie Merrow, left, CEO of Merrow Manufacturing, while touring the plant in Fall River, Mass., on May 5. Baker says in-state production of medical supplies could be more affordable than getting them from foreign countries.

mal supplies were left scrambling to try to buy needed equipment.

"We always hear about overseas—it's cheaper to do it in China, it's cheaper to do it in other countries," Missouri Gov. Mike Parson told The Associated Press. "But one thing we've

learned about this whole deal is we need to be dependent on ourselves... If we can do it here in Missouri, I think it would be well-worth the extra money."

Governors in Florida, Indiana and Massachusetts—all, like Parson, Republicans—made similar

statements last week, as states start to shift from triaging current needs to planning for a potential second wave of the coronavirus or some unknown future disease. While numerous U.S. companies have shifted production lines temporarily to make needed supplies, some states are looking for a long-term commitment.

The efforts align with a common campaign theme of Republican President Donald Trump, who has rallied against American companies that moved jobs overseas. Trump has particularly accused China of unfair trade practices.

To highlight the need for more local manufacturing, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker toured a plant that has been working with his administration to adjust its textile production lines to make isolation gowns for health care workers. Though U.S. labor costs remain higher than in many foreign countries, he said the in-state production ultimately could be more affordable.

"The cost of getting a product

from here to any place in Massachusetts is profoundly cheap," Baker said at the Merrow Manufacturing plant in Fall River, Mass. "But the cost right now of getting that kind of a product from anywhere else in the world to the U.S. and then to Massachusetts? Very high."

An AP review of more than 20 states last month found that before the coronavirus outbreak, many had only a modest supply of N95 masks, gowns, gloves and other medical equipment that, in some cases, were well past their expiration dates. The insufficient stockpiles stemmed from a variety of factors—a decline in public health funding, an assumption that more supplies could be quickly obtained when needed and a belief that the federal government could come to the rescue with its Strategic National Stockpile.

But the federal stockpile also proved insufficient, and states rapidly depleted their reserves.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

S. Korea sends face masks to US for vets

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea sent 500,000 face masks to help American veterans fight the coronavirus in honor of the upcoming 70th anniversary of the start of the 1950-53 Korean War.

An air force plane took off Sunday night from Gimhae Air Base near the southern city of Busan to transport the masks to the United States, according to the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs.

The ministry said that it will later distribute 500,000 more

masks via overseas missions to Korean War veterans in 21 other countries including Britain, Canada and Turkey that participated in the war under the auspices of the United Nations.

The government is providing the 1 million protective masks "to the aging U.N. veterans of the Korean War to mark the 70th anniversary and to recognize their service and sacrifice," the ministry said in a press release.

"All the 22 countries have been struggling with the COVID-19 virus, and there's an urgent need to provide face masks as the war

veterans are susceptible to the virus," it said, adding that the veterans' average age is 88.

The masks bound for the U.S. will be received by the Department of Veterans Affairs, a ministry official said.

Masks have become a valued commodity worldwide because of shortages amid the pandemic.

South Korea, one of the first countries to suffer an outbreak, has restricted mask exports. But government officials said that the shipment could be made without disrupting the domestic supply.

The war, which began on June

25, 1950, when North Korean communist troops invaded the U.S.-backed South, was the first military action of the Cold War.

Fighting between the allies against Chinese and North Korean forces persisted as truce talks took some two years, concluding with an armistice that left the countries technically at war after the sides were unable to reach a peace treaty.

The U.S. provided more than 90% of the foreign combat forces, with more than 300,000 American troops deployed on the peninsula as U.N. forces reached peak

strength toward the end of the war, according to the United Nations Command.

More than 36,000 Americans died, 103,284 were wounded in action and more than 7,500 remain unaccounted for — most believed to be lost in North Korea where the search for remains has been hampered by tensions.

Over 3 million people are estimated to have died in the war, although it's impossible to confirm an exact figure due to the lack of information from North Korea.

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US sailor tests positive after arriving in S. Korea

By KIM GAMEL
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SEOUL, South Korea — An American sailor tested positive for the coronavirus while in quarantine after arriving on a U.S.-government-chartered flight from Japan for an assignment in South Korea, the military said Friday.

Separately, South Korean health authorities worried about

a new cluster infection in Seoul after 13 new cases, including a South Korean noncommissioned officer, were linked to a virus patient who went clubbing in the trendy neighborhood of Itaewon.

The new cases underscored the fragility of South Korea's recovery as it begins to ease restrictions after several days with few to no local infections.

USFK commander Gen. Robert Abrams said Wednesday that

the military restrictions, which include a ban on nonessential travel off base and dining at local restaurants and bars, would remain in place while he monitors South Korea's progress.

Many of the infections reported in recent weeks have been imported from abroad. The American sailor was tested after traveling from his last duty assignment in Japan to Osan Air Base on the so-called Patriot Express Wednes-

day, U.S. Forces Korea said. He was transported by bus to a barracks on Camp Humphreys for a mandatory 14-day quarantine, according to a press release.

"Since testing positive, the sailor has been moved to Camp Humphreys' isolation barracks designated for confirmed COVID-19 cases," the command said.

He was the third active-duty American service member to test positive for the virus on the divid-

ed peninsula, and USFK's 27th case overall. The others were military dependents, contractors and other U.S. and South Korean employees of USFK.

USFK health professionals determined that "limited contact tracing" and a thorough cleaning of the plane and the bus that took him from the airport to Camp Humphreys was necessary.

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Congress steps in to fill response void

By LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As President Donald Trump tries to move on from the coronavirus, Congress is rushing to fill the void and prepare the country for the long fight ahead.

Jolted by the lack of comprehensive federal planning as states begin to reopen, lawmakers of both parties, from the senior-most senators to the newest House member, are jumping in to develop policies and unleash resources to prevent a second wave.

In the House and Senate, lawmakers are pushing sweeping proposals for a national virus testing strategy. One seasoned Republican wants a war-like public health fund. A New Jersey freshman launched neighboring colleagues on a regional bipartisan task force to help guide Northeastern states back to work.

"This is going to be on us," said Rep. Mikie Sherrill, D-N.J., a former Navy helicopter pilot in her first term in Congress.

The legislative branch is stepping up in the absence of a consistent, convincing White House strategy, in much the way governors have been forced to go it alone during the nation's pandemic response.

Unlike the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, when President George W. Bush called on Congress to create a Department of Homeland Security, or during the Great Depression, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt led the nation to the New Deal, Trump is not seeking a legacy-defining accomplishment in the heat of national crisis.

Instead, Trump has turned the life-and-death decision-making away from the federal government and onto the states for the next phase of the response. He



EW VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Republican lawmakers Friday in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington.

expects governors to arrange virus testing systems and find their own medical gear, saying the federal government is a "supplier of last resort." The White House coronavirus task force has abandoned daily briefings.

Encouraging the economic rebound, Trump said Thursday he's looking forward to "getting on with it."

"When the nation is in the middle of the major, historic crisis, the norm is that both branches focus on the issue," said Julian E. Zelizer, a Princeton professor of history and public policy. "It's not normal for the president to just move on."

The administration issued guidelines for reopening state and local economies, but shelved a more detailed 17-page report from the experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

New projections say the death toll could essentially double this summer, from 70,000 as of Friday

to 134,000 by early August, as states loosen stay-at-home restrictions, according to a model from the University of Washington.

As the Senate resumed this past week while the House stayed largely away, lawmakers drilled into pandemic policy.

Tom Frieden, a former CDC director, outlined a 10-point strategy in testimony before a House Appropriations subcommittee.

"As bad as this has been, it's just the beginning," Frieden warned of the long wait ahead for improved treatments and an eventual vaccine.

Health officials say a robust national testing effort, with the ability to trace the contacts of those who have been infected — so those people isolate and prevent spread — should be central to any plan returning Americans to work. Several lawmakers want the federal government to hire out-of-work Americans into an "army" of the estimated 300,000

public health workers needed for the job.

While many of the proposals coming from Congress are bipartisan, pushback is strong from some corners. Conservative Republicans in particular resist a robust federal government intervention, preferring a state-by-state approach.

Much the way governors have formed contacts with neighboring states, lawmakers often agree there's no one-size-fits-all approach despite the need for robust federal role to ensure equitable outcomes for Americans.

Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., a member of the new House Select Committee on Coronavirus Crisis, said the pandemic poses a "stress test" for America's federalist system.

"This period is going to be about whether we can make the Founders' vision of federalism work," he said at the Capitol.

US federal workers start slow return

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Returning Internal Revenue Service workers in Kansas City are being directed to a room well-stocked with face masks, while some other IRS offices were still telling staffers to buy or make their own as the Trump administration starts rolling out a location-based plan for returning more of the 2 million federal workers to job sites.

The administration says the broad discretion in its coronavirus guidelines will allow agency heads to get federal workers back first in areas where rates of cases are lower and where protective measures and health care are robust. Officials for unions representing the federal government's civilian workforce are expressing cautious approval at some of the spot-by-spot plans being drawn up, but they still fear workers will be ordered back and risk infection as President Donald Trump tries to push the U.S. economy back up on its feet.

So far, it's only a partial return bringing back comparatively few of the federal employees sent home for safety amid the outbreak. But with the U.S. still among the hardest hit in an outbreak that has killed 275,000 people around the world, some federal workers fear they'll be political pawns.

"Trump just wants to bring people back because he wants to reset the economy. The one workforce he has control over is the federal workforce," said Nicole Cantello, a staffer in the Environmental Protection Agency's Chicago region, and a local president of the American Federation of Government Employees, a union representing federal workers.

Guidelines late last month from the White House Office of Management and Budget and the federal Office of Personnel Management call for phased returns based partly on local conditions, such as whether there have been 14 straight days of declining cases of coronavirus and flu. But the federal guidelines largely shy away from mandates, such as any directives to make protective gear available to all federal workers.

After the IRS initially told workers volunteering to return to bring back or make — their own masks, Democratic lawmakers have asked for more detail on how and when the administration planned to bring federal workers back.

OMB spokesman Rob Kuhlman on Friday defended the administration's balancing of the safety of federal workers and the public need for federal services.

"It's no surprise Democrats continue to play politics, but the fact is agencies have been given clear and consistent guidance throughout this crisis to maximize telework, and they are now working to return to normal operations as conditions warrant across each state," Kuhlman said by email.

New antigen test receives emergency FDA approval

By KATIE METTLER
The Washington Post

Health care providers will soon be able to deploy at scale a simpler, faster and cheaper diagnostic test for the novel coronavirus, a major development in the nation's ability to detect and treat COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, as states move to reopen.

The new type of coronavirus screening, an antigen test manufactured by Quidel Corp., was granted emergency authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Friday night.

It is conducted by a nasal swab and immediately tested in the doctor's office or other point-of-care location, producing diagnostic results within minutes by quickly detecting proteins found on or within the virus. In a statement announcing the emergency authorization of Quidel Corp.'s kit, the FDA said that antigen tests are cheaper to produce, simpler and easier to implement at the cur-

rent testing apparatus, which relied on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests that detect genetic material from the virus.

Antigen tests are "important in the overall response against COVID-19" and can "potentially scale to test millions of Americans per day" once other manufacturers enter the market, the FDA statement said.

"It's a really important tool," said Anesh Adajala, an infectious disease physician and senior scholar at Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security. "This is now the next step in simplifying testing."

Quidel Corp. said that its test, called the Sofia 2 SARS Antigen FIA, can produce results within 15 minutes. The test cartridges can be placed in its Sofia 2 machine or manually developed on a counter top.

Though rapid-detection PCR tests have been used around the country, they are still more expensive and complex than the new test, experts say.

One major benefit of the antigen test is that it "allows us to arm our health care workers and first responders with a front line solution for COVID-19 diagnosis," Douglas Bryant, president and chief executive officer of Quidel Corp., said in a statement.

The FDA has authorized three different tests to help detect, diagnose and track the spread of the novel coronavirus: the antigen test, the PCR test and an antibody screening, which unlike the first two tests does not diagnose an active case of the virus but detects antibodies to it, which signal that the person was previously infected and has developed an immune response.

Put together, the three tests could offer a path forward for more widespread and thorough screening as Americans nationwide prepare to navigate safe returns to their jobs and the reopening of amenities that will place them in close contact with others.

A drawback of the antigen test,

however, is that it is less reliable than the PCR test because it is not as sensitive, the FDA said. Positive results are "highly accurate," but a negative result does not necessarily rule out the presence of the virus.

To backstop a potential false negative, the FDA said in the release that all negative antigen tests should be confirmed with a PCR test — a common protocol for antigen testing of other infections.

Last month, the World Health Organization issued a statement of "advice" for health care providers and officials, saying they applauded the innovative efforts of test developers but that they did not recommend the use of antibody or antigen tests outside a research setting.

"Inadequate tests may miss patients with active infection or falsely categorize patients as having the disease when they do not, further hampering disease control efforts," WHO officials said.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Lawns becoming wedding venue of choice

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Love in the age of coronavirus sometimes requires a lawn.

Couples with dashed wedding plans due to lockdown restrictions have been tying the knot on those tidy green spreads instead, including at least one loaner.

Danielle Cartaxo and Ryan Cignarella were supposed to get married in West Orange, N.J., on April 11 at a venue with sweeping views of the New York City skyline. Rather than abandon their Easter Weekend nuptials, they headed outdoors.

The tricky part was finding a lawn. The two live in Wayne, Pa., about 100 miles away, but they had a marriage license issued in West Orange, where Cartaxo lived until she was 5.

"We still felt like at the end of the day making that commitment to each other was important and we didn't want to wait," Cartaxo said.

But they were barred from marrying in a public space. That's where a stranger, Janice Berman, comes in. A friend contacted Berman, and she offered her front lawn, with a few yellow spring blooms on one of her bushes as backdrop.

"My husband played the 'Wedding March' for them on a speaker," Berman said. "We watched from the porch. It was really fun.

They were so sweet."

The couple's maid of honor and best man attended at a safe distance, as did Cartaxo's parents. The bride, in a short white dress, held a bouquet. A small, handwritten "Just Married" sign marked the occasion. They'll have a party later.

"You have to be grateful in times like this," Cignarella said. "Sometimes when you put yourself out into the world it kind of comes back to you."

In Muskego, Wis., Kalee and Tim Gbur weren't in need of a borrowed lawn. They used their own for their wedding on April 18.

They had originally hoped to marry last October, but Kalee's paternal grandmother fell ill and died in December at 101. Her grandparents' wedding anniversary was April 18, and her chosen venue, a grand hotel nearby, was free on that date.

Then the pandemic struck and the couple's plans were scuttled once again. What was once supposed to be a big affair with more than 250 guests was moved to their lawn.

"We went through weeks of trying to decide. Should we move our date altogether? Should we keep it April 18? I said, 'You know what, I don't want to give up our date. I want to honor my grandma,'" Kalee said.

They were going to keep it small



MICHAEL WARGO/AP

Newlyweds Danielle Cartaxo and Ryan Cignarella pose after getting married April 11 in West Orange, N.J. Barred from getting married in a public space due to lockdown restrictions, Cartaxo and Cignarella got married on the front lawn of the home of a stranger who offered to help.

and simple. Then her mother and sister stepped in with balloons and a huge "Just Married" sign with their names in their wedding colors, purple and gray. Loved ones decorated their cars and stood in the street, honking their horns in celebration. A neighbor built a wooden backdrop adorned

with tea candles and flowers.

Somebody else provided a white plastic aisle runner.

"When we were doing this we were like, this is just not going to be what we wanted, but it actually ended up being better than what we wanted. It really touched our hearts seeing everybody there,

just coming together," Tim said. "I wouldn't change a thing."

With social distancing in place, and high wind blowing, Kalee's not sure exactly what their impromptu guests actually heard during the ceremony.

"They were pretty far," she laughed.

Coronavirus doesn't stop annual turkey hunt

By PATRICK WHITTLE
Associated Press

FALMOUTH, Maine — The coronavirus pandemic has canceled dozens of spring traditions, from college basketball's Final Four to Easter Sunday services, but there's one rite that's going on largely unfettered — turkey hunting.

Every state except Alaska, which is the only state with no turkeys, hosts a spring turkey hunt each year. The birds, whose domesticated cousins grace Thanksgiving tables from Hawaii to Maine, are among America's greatest conservation success stories.

The hunt is taking on a new look in some parts of the country this year due to social distancing laws. In some states, including Maine, are requiring out-of-state residents to self quarantine for two weeks when they enter the state. That functionally eliminates out-of-state hunters from coming to the Pine Tree State to bag a bird.

Other states, including Kansas, have suspended the sale of turkey permits to nonresidents to reduce spread of the coronavirus. Some have suspended the need to register a bird after shooting it.

But all 49 states are going on with turkey hunting in some form or another, said Mark Hat-



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A wild turkey crosses a field May 4 in Freeport, Maine.

field, national director of conservation services for the South Carolina-based National Wild Turkey Federation. That even includes Hawaii, where the birds aren't native but were introduced in the 1960s.

In Maine, hunter Joel Pitcher said he expects a good season, though it won't be as social an affair as it has been in the past.

"I'm not just going to go with a bunch of buddies, like I normally would. It cuts into it that way. Somebody might call and say hey what are you doing tomorrow? Hunting turkey? That's not going to happen," Pitcher said.

Turkey hunting takes place

March and some last until June. Hatfield said it's difficult to know how successful this year's hunt will be, but with many hunters laid off or furloughed or simply working from home, they might have more opportunities to participate in what is traditionally a weekend activity. Early season hunters seemed to be having a very successful year, he said.

"That person may say, 'Well I'm going to turkey hunt more. I used to be able to turkey hunt more on the weekend, now I can do it during the week.' It could increase the harvest of resident hunters," Hatfield said.

Two million turkey hunters bagged about 665,000 birds in spring 2014, the most recent year for which statistics are available, Hatfield said. The biggest harvests were in Pennsylvania and Missouri, while Georgia and Texas also had large hauls, he said.

In Vermont, it appears that more hunters are taking part in the spring turkey hunting season this year than last year. In late April, 13% more young hunters participated in the annual youth turkey hunt, based on license sales, and it appeared that 23% more resident adult hunters bought turkey licenses for the start of the spring season, which opened May 1, said Mark Scott, the director of wildlife for the Vermont Fish & Wild-

life Department.

"We can't confirm for sure if this will mean more turkey hunters given that maybe hunters are buying their license earlier than normal," he wrote in an email. "But based on increased youth participation we feel there is more interest, and we are optimistic that we will see more people getting out into Vermont's woods and fields."

But in Kansas, the suspension of nonresident turkey permits has hurt business for Randy Lyons, the owner of Randy's Turkey Hunting Adventure in the northwestern part of the state. He said he has "zero clients this year." It is a side business for him, and he normally has five or six clients.

"The virus definitely hasn't helped. Most of the time we rely on out-of-state hunters," Lyons said.

In New Hampshire, state wildlife biologist Allison Keating said the state has experienced a slight increase in turkey license sales for both adults and youth compared to this time last year.

The state launched an online registration system so hunters can register their birds online, as opposed to having to do it in person. More than 100 turkeys were registered on the first day of the state's weekend for youth hunters, she said.

NATION

Jobless rate hurts Trump's reelection bid

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The record unemployment rate reported on Friday captured the pain of a nation where tens of millions of jobs suddenly vanished, devastating the economy and forcing President Donald Trump to overcome historic headwinds to win a second term.

Just a few short months ago, Trump planned to campaign for reelection on the back of a robust economy. That's a distant memory after more than 20 million jobs were lost in April, leading to an unemployment rate of 14.7%, the highest since the Great Depression.

There's no parallel in U.S. history for the suddenness or severity of the economic collapse, which is ravaging some states that are crucial to Trump's victory. The president is now tasked

with convincing voters that the catastrophic job losses were the result of the pandemic — not his management of the public health crisis. He also argues that he deserves another chance to rebuild what the virus destroyed.

"What I can do: I'll bring it back," Trump told Fox News on Friday. "It's fully expected. There's no surprise. Everybody knows that. Even the Democrats aren't blaming me for that."

Bringing back jobs quickly won't be easy.

Backdated statistics show that unemployment reached as high as 25% in 1933 during the Great Depression. A broader calculation of unemployment from April's jobs report suggests the rate might be nearly that high now, as the 14.7% rate doesn't include people who left the labor force or still consider themselves employed despite not working. But the efforts need-

ed to contain the spread of the coronavirus have caused much more rapid job loss than during the 1930s.

"The last time we had unemployment rates in this neighborhood, it took us five years to get there," said Erica Groshen, an economist at Cornell University and former commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. "This time, we will have achieved it in two months."

The suddenness of the crisis has been a shock to Americans, who will be looking for reassurance from Trump.

"The White House can make the point that the collapse was not the result of economic policies but an unprecedented global pandemic," said Kevin Madden, a Republican strategist who was a senior adviser on Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign. "But they need to look forward,

too: Present a detailed roadmap, restore people's confidence and pledge to work with Democrats and Republicans alike."

Many of the layoffs are classified as temporary, which means workers could get recalled as the outbreak subsides and the unemployment rate would fall. But it's unlikely to immediately return to the 3.5% that Trump was celebrating, as consumer spending might be slow to recover and businesses and workers adjust to changes forced by the disease.

For his part, Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, has ramped up the intensity of his economic pitch amid the pandemic slowdown. Reacting to the jobs report, he used an online address to blister Trump for economic "failings that have been present since Day One but are coming into sharp relief in the current crisis."

Polar vortex brings rare May snow to East Coast

By DAVID KLEPPER

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Mother's Day weekend got off to an unseasonably snowy start in the Northeast on Saturday thanks to the polar vortex bringing cold air down from the north.

Some higher elevation areas in northern New York and New England reported snowfall accumulations of up to 10 inches, while traces of snow were seen along the coast from Maine to Boston to as far south as Manhattan.

John Cannon, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Gray, Maine, said parts of northern New England saw as much as 10 inches of snow and even coastal areas of Maine and New Hampshire got a dusting.

There were even reports of flurries in Boston.

"We've had several inches in many areas in the Northeast. This is a rare May snow event," he said.

The hardest hit areas were hill town communities like Sugar Hill, N.H., which got 10.5 inches, and Carra bassett Valley in Maine, which got 9 inches, he said.

Conditions at the Mount Washington Observatory, atop the highest peak in the northeast, were downright arctic Saturday afternoon, with the wind chill at minus 22 degrees and winds gusting at 87 mph.

In many areas, the snowfall was one for the record books, even if it didn't stick around. Massachusetts didn't see measurable snow in May since 2007, while in



STEPHANIE ZOLLSMAN, THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE/AP

At Wedgewood Stables in Lanesborough, Mass., horses graze the pasture with their coats on after a cold and snowy night Saturday.

Manhatten's Central Park, the flakes tied a record set in 1977 for latest snow of the season.

Cannon said the snow was to give way to strong winds upward of 40 and 50 mph in much of the Northeast for the remainder of Saturday, along with unusually cold conditions. There were

freeze watches and warnings out for much of the Northeast. Temperatures were expected to dip below 30 from midnight through Sunday morning in parts of New Jersey and New York and a freeze warning had been issued in parts of Pennsylvania.

Surfer killed in shark attack in California

APTOS, Calif. — A surfer was killed in a shark attack off a Northern California beach, state park officials said Saturday.

The 26-year-old man was surfing off Manresa State Beach on the northern end of Monterey Bay around 1:30 p.m. when he was attacked by an unknown shark species, the California State Parks said in a statement.

The victim's name has not been released. Santa Cruz Sheriff's deputies notified the man's family.

The water one mile north and south of the attack will be closed for five days. Signs were posted warning beachgoers about the attack. The sign said the attack happened within 100 yards off shore.

Texas man arrested for threat involving Walmart

HORIZON CITY, Texas — A 29-year-old Texas man was arrested, accused of making online threats that included a photo of a weapon and a reference to Walmart, the FBI said Saturday.

The FBI said it received a tip Thursday evening about a social media post with a picture of a weapon and some of the text reading "#watchoutwalmartimcoming #droplikeflys."

Alex R. Barron of Horizon City was identified as the owner of the account, the FBI said. Barron was arrested Friday evening.

Horizon City is located about 20 miles southeast of El Paso, where a shooter on Aug. 3 opened fire at a Walmart.

Couple shot in Delaware vet cemetery; 1 dead

BEAR, Del. — A married Maryland couple in their 80s were the victims in a shooting at a veterans cemetery in Delaware.

Delaware State Police on Friday night identified the victims as an 86-year-old man and 85-year-old woman from Elkton, Md.

The wife was pronounced dead at the scene. The husband was taken to the hospital.

A suspect, who engaged in a shootout with police around noon Friday, was found dead from a gunshot wound a few hours later in a wooded area where the shoot-out took place.

Lawyer: Cop led armed group to black teen

WILMINGTON, N.C. — A sheriff's deputy in North Carolina is facing criminal charges after authorities said he led a group of armed people to the wrong home in a search for a missing teen girl.

New Hanover County District Attorney Ben David said Friday that Jordan Kita, who worked in the New Hanover Sheriff's Office, will be charged with trespassing and breaking and entering.

Kita led an armed group May 3 to the home of Dameon Shepard, a senior at Laney High School in Wilmington, according to James W. Lea, a lawyer for Shepard's family.

The girl was later found safe.

From The Associated Press

Trump eyes federal retirement plan in China showdown

The Washington Post

President Donald Trump's intensifying showdown with China over its handling of the coronavirus pandemic is expanding to a new battlefield: the retirement portfolios of 5.9 million federal employees and U.S. service members.

In recent days, White House officials have moved to seize control of a little-known board that administers the \$557 billion federal retirement program for most active and retired federal employees and military members, with some aides eager to halt the flow of billions of dollars into an index fund that includes Chinese companies, according to two White House officials and an outside Trump adviser involved in the discussions.

Trump on Monday nominated

three members to replace the majority on the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, made up of five investment experts who oversee the retirement plan. All of their four-year terms have expired, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., have not replaced those serving in the two seats they control.

With its new nominees, the White House is taking steps to block the plan's \$40 billion international fund from investing in a fund that contains about 11% of China-based stocks, according to people familiar with the strategy.

"Obviously, the president doesn't want this investment to take place and is looking for other alternatives," said a senior administration official who was

not authorized to speak about the nominations. "These individuals will be key to making that happen."

The move comes as Trump has sought to put the blame on China for the coronavirus pandemic and senior U.S. officials have begun to explore proposals to punish or demand financial compensation from the country.

The effort to block any Chinese investment by the retirement plan, the largest defined contribution program in the world, comes as the current board is preparing to transfer assets to the new fund. The board has said it is following a responsible investment strategy — recommended twice by an outside consultant — that will allow its members to accrue potential gains from China's growing economy.

A TSP spokeswoman, Kim Weaver, told The Washington Post last month the shift in strategy "is not about China, from our perspective."

Advocates for federal workers say reversing the strategy could hurt millions of employees saving for retirement by walling off investments that are widely available in other 401(k)-type plans.

"The participants want investment options that pass the fiduciary responsibility test — not any political test," said Jacqueline Simon, policy director for the American Federation of Government Employees, the largest union representing federal workers.

Investment in the international stock fund is voluntary and investors could put their money instead in a range of other options, she added.

NATION

Georgia man's death raises echoes of US racial terror legacy

BY AARON MORRISON
AND RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — Many people saw more than the last moments of Ahmaud Arbery's life when a video emerged this week of white men armed with guns confronting the black man, a struggle with punches thrown, three shots fired and Arbery collapsing dead.

The Feb. 23 shooting in coastal Georgia is drawing comparisons to a much darker period of U.S. history — when extrajudicial killings of black people, almost exclusively at the hands of white male vigilantes, inflicted racial terror on African Americans. It frequently happened with law enforcement being complicit or feigning ignorance.

The footage of Arbery's death was not the only thing that rattled

the nation's conscience. It took more than two months for his pursuers — who told police that they suspected he was a burglar — to be arrested and taken into custody. That is fueling calls for the resignation of local authorities who initially investigated the case, and reforms of Georgia's criminal justice system.

"The modern-day lynching of Mr. Arbery is yet another reminder of the vile and wicked racism that persists in parts of our country," said the Rev. James Wood-ally, state president of the Georgia NAACP. "The slothfulness and inaction of the judicial system, in this case, is a gross testament to the blatant white racial privileges that permeates throughout our country and our institutions."

The case appeared frozen as it was handled by police in the small city of Brunswick.

After the video emerged on



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

People rally Friday to protest the shooting of Ahmaud Arbery, an unarmed black man, in Brunswick, Ga.

social media this week, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation took one day after launching its probe Wednesday to arrest Gregory McMichael, 64, and his son, Travis McMichael, 34. They are jailed on murder and aggravated assault charges.

Several hundred people crowded outside the Glynn County Courthouse on Friday to mark what would have been Arbery's 26th birthday, with many say-

ing that it's too soon to celebrate because the case must still go before a grand jury that will decide whether to indict the McMichaels.

Arbery's killing reminds some of Emmett Till, a black teen from Chicago who was kidnapped in 1955 in Mississippi, lynched and dumped in a river after he was falsely accused of whistling at a white woman.

An all-white jury acquitted the

white men accused of killing Till, who was 14. His death helped fuel the civil rights movement and brought about the eventual passage of federal civil rights protections.

During Friday's protest, demonstrator Anthony Johnson said that he sees echoes of Till and others. Arbery "died because he was black like the rest of them did. For no reason," Johnson said.

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WORLD

Russia, Belarus a contrast in celebrations

Moscow holds muted Victory Day event while thousands attend parade in Minsk

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin marked Victory Day, the anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II, in a ceremony shorn of its usual military parade and pomp by the coronavirus pandemic.

In neighboring Belarus, however, the ceremonies went ahead in full, with tens of thousands of people in the sort of proximity that has been almost unseen in the world for months.

Putin on Saturday laid flowers at the tomb of the unknown soldier just outside the Kremlin walls and gave a short address honoring the valor and suffering of the Soviet army during the war.

Victory Day is Russia's most important secular holiday and this year's observance had been expected to be especially large because it is the 75th anniversary, but the Red Square military parade and a mass procession called The Immortal Regiment were postponed as part of measures to stifle the spread of the virus.

The only vestige of the conventional show of military might was a flyover of central Moscow by 75 warplanes and helicopters.

The ceremony was the first public appearance in about a month for Putin, who has worked remotely as the virus took hold.

In his speech, he did not mention the virus — Russia has nearly 200,000 confirmed cases — or how its spread had blocked

the observances that were to be a prestige project for him.

But he promised that full commemorations would take place.

"We will, as usual, widely and solemnly mark the anniversary date, do it with dignity, as our duty to those who have suffered, achieved and accomplished the victory tells us," he said. "There will be our main parade on Red Square, and the national march of the Immortal Regiment — the march of our grateful memory and inextricable, vital, living communication between generations."

The sharply reduced observances this year left a hole in Russia's civic and emotional calendar. The war, in which the Soviet Union lost an estimated 26 million people including 8.5 million soldiers, has become a fundamental piece of Russian national identity.

Beyond the stern formalities of the Red Square military parade and smaller parades in other cities, Russians in recent years have turned out in huge numbers for the Immortal Regiment processions.

An online substitute for the processions took place Saturday, showing streams of photos of veterans submitted by relatives.

A full military parade of some 3,000 soldiers was held Saturday in Minsk, the capital of Belarus, which has not imposed restrictions to block the virus' spread despite sharply rising infection



ALEXEI DRUZHININ, SPUTNIK, KREMLIN POOL PHOTO/AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin, back to a camera, watches the honour guard of the Presidential Regiment march Saturday on Cathedral Square in the Kremlin marking the 75th anniversary of the Nazi defeat in World War II in Moscow, Russia.

figures. Tens of thousands of spectators, few of them wearing masks, watched the event.

President Alexander Lukashenko, who has dismissed concerns about the virus as a "psychosis," said at the parade that Belarus' ordeal in the war "is incompatible with any difficulties of the present day."

Belarus's more than 21,000 recorded infections is higher than in neighboring Ukraine and Poland, both with populations about four times the size.

The former Soviet republic of Turkmenistan, which has not reported any coronavirus infections, held a large parade and procession late Saturday in the capital Ashgabat.



SERGEI GRITS/AP

People dressed in old uniforms march during the Victory Day military parade that marked the 75th anniversary of the allied victory over Nazi Germany, in Minsk, Belarus, on Saturday.

Iraqi PM releases protesters; others rally against him

By SAMYA KULLAB

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's judiciary ordered courts on Sunday to release anti-government protesters, carrying out one of the first decisions of the recently inaugurated prime minister just as dozens of demonstrators burned tires in renewed protests against the new leadership.

Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi also promoted a well-respected Iraqi general, who played a key role in the military campaign against the Islamic State, to lead counterterrorism operations. Former leader Adel Abdul-Mahdi had previously mysteriously demoted the general, prompting outrage and sparking popular protests in northern Iraq and Baghdad in October.

The Supreme Judiciary Council said in a statement that it had ordered the release of protesters detained since those demonstrations erupted, in line with the new prime minister's call.

The council released detainees based on Article 38 of the constitution which guarantees the right to protest, "provided that it is not accompanied by an act contrary to the law," the statement said.

In a press briefing Saturday night following his first Cabinet meeting as premier, al-Kadhimi said demonstrators should be protected and that all pro-



IRAQI PARLIAMENT MEDIA OFFICE/AP

Iraq Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi speaks to members of the Iraqi parliament in Baghdad on Thursday.

testers should be released, except those involved in violence.

Al-Kadhimi also said he was promoting Lt. Gen. Abdul Wahab al-Saadi to become head of Iraq's elite Counter-Terrorism Service, just as the country was experiencing an uptick in attacks by ISIS in the north. Previously he was a force commander in the service before Abdul-Mahdi demoted him in September to a post in the Defense Ministry. The Iraqi public considered his sudden demotion a sign of corrupt government practices and took to the streets in outrage.

Still, plumes of acrid smoke choked the air Sunday as protesters, unpersuaded by al-Kadhimi's decisions, returned to the streets and burned tires on a key bridge leading to the heavily fortified Green Zone, the seat of Iraq's government.

Libya: Shelling blasts only working airport in Tripoli

By SAMY MAGDY

Associated Press

CAIRO — Fighting between forces loyal to rival governments over Libya's capital intensified Saturday with heavy artillery shelling hitting the sole functioning airport in Tripoli, setting jet fuel tanks ablaze and damaging passenger planes, authorities in west Libya and the U.N. said.

The Tripoli-based Transportation Ministry said one of the damaged aircraft had been scheduled to leave Tripoli to bring back Libyans stranded in Spain by the coronavirus lockdown. It blamed east-based forces fighting to take the capital for over a year for the attack.

Libya has been in turmoil since 2011 when a civil war toppled longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi, who was later killed. The country has since split between rival administrations in the east and the west, each backed by armed groups and foreign countries.

Brega Petroleum Marketing Company said the shelling at Mitiga airport set its jet fuel tanks

on fire. The company, which is part of Libya's National Oil Corp., shared footage of apparent damaged tanks while firefighters try to distinguish the fire.

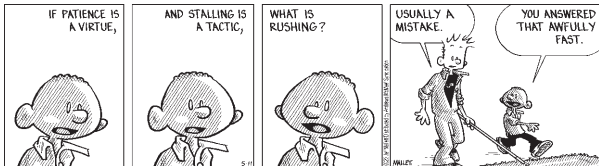
Authorities had halted civilian flights at Mitiga, which is part of a military base in the capital, in March even before announcing the suspension of air travel as part of its measures to fight the coronavirus pandemic.

The U.N. support mission in Libya blamed military commander Khalifa Hifter's forces for the Mitiga attack.

"Today's heavy shelling is one in a series of indiscriminate attacks ... killing more than 15 and injuring 50 civilians since May 1," it said. The mission said most of these attacks were attributable to Hifter's self-styled Libyan Arab Armed Forces.

There was no immediate comment from the LAAF, which has repeatedly claimed that Turkey has used the airport to launch drone attacks on its forces. Tripoli authorities have denied the allegations.

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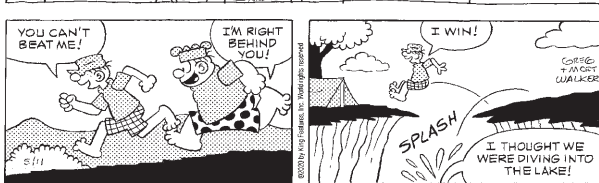
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Sea turtle still being tracked a year later

FL MARATHON — An adult loggerhead sea turtle, released off the Florida Keys a year ago, is still being tracked via satellite. “Mr. T” was admitted to the Turtle Hospital for several surgeries to remove a fishhook. He was returned to the ocean May 7, 2019, fitted with a satellite tag that was epoxied to his shell to track migratory patterns of male loggerheads.

Since the release, the turtle has traveled more than 1,600 miles. Currently the marine reptile is off Key Largo.

Turtle Hospital Manager Bette Zirkelbach said that it's unusual for the small transmitter to remain on a sea turtle for so long and to keep working.

“Typically, they (transmitters) fall off in about four to six months, but because ‘Mr. T’ is an adult, his continued growth is very slow,” she said. “His shell does not shed as much as a younger turtle.”

Man pleads guilty to vandalizing temple

UT LOGAN — A Utah man pleaded guilty to burglary and criminal mischief after authorities said he vandalized a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple and caused over \$5,000 in damage.

Peter Abraham Ambrose, 34, entered his plea to the second-degree felonies as part of an agreement with prosecutors to recommend no prison time and credit for time served in jail, The Herald Journal reported.

Ambrose broke into the Logan temple on Christmas Eve and is responsible for broken glass, a discharged fire extinguisher and an ax in a wall, police said. He told officers he was upset he could not see his children during the holiday, and that no church women wanted to date him, according to the Logan Police Department.

Zoo announces birth of American red wolves

NC ASHEBORO — The North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro announced the birth of five American red wolves.

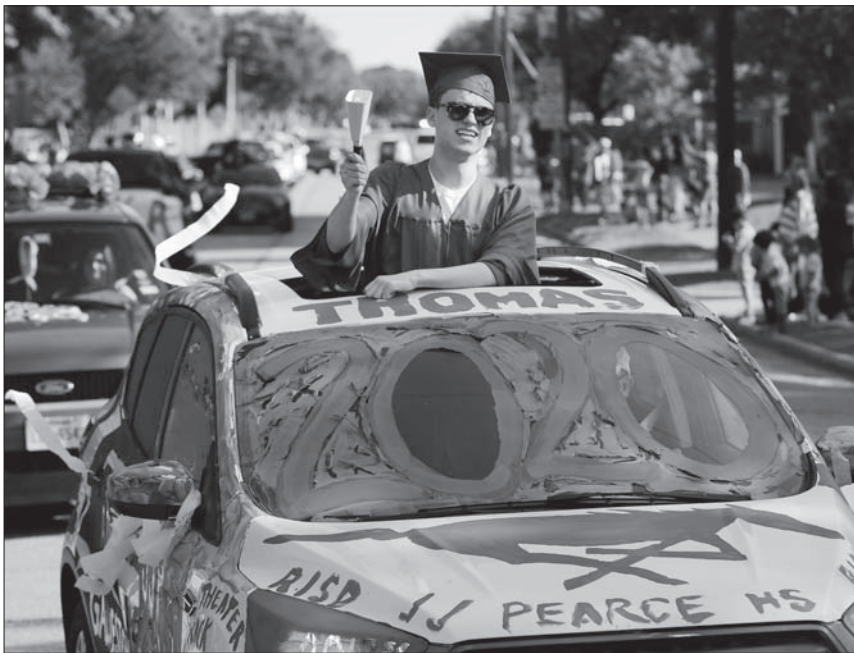
The animals are critically endangered. There are only 15 to 20 red wolves still believed to be in the wild in eastern North Carolina.

The pups, born April 21, were named after plants found in North Carolina. The parents of the pups are mother Piglet and father Jewell.

The pups bring the number of red wolves in the zoo's breeding program to 25. That makes it the second-largest pack in the nation after Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium in Tacoma, Wash.

Police: Woman drove drunk at 109 mph

NH EXETER — Police accused a New Hampshire woman of driving drunk and traveling up to 109 miles an hour while a trooper tried to stop her.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Graduates on parade

Thomas Harden rings a cowbell as he stands up through a vehicle's sun roof waving at supporters during a neighborhood parade honoring 2020 student graduates from both J.J. Pearce and Richardson High Schools in Richardson, Texas, on Saturday. The event was organized by a group of parents who asked neighborhood residents to come out and cheer on the local graduates who's traditional ceremonies were canceled due to concerns about COVID-19.

A trooper saw an SUV pass him at 93 miles an hour along Route 101 in Exeter. The SUV did not stop for the trooper's emergency lights and siren. It reversed direction and drove on the wrong side of a road. Troopers deployed stop sticks to deflate the vehicle's front tires, police said.

The driver, Trista White, 35, of Plaistow, was taken into custody. She was arrested on charges of aggravated driving while intoxicated, reckless conduct and operation and disobeying an officer.

Mermaids to return to bar to entertain patrons

MT GREAT FALLS — For patrons at a Montana tiki bar that has a back wall of a window into a motel swimming pool, it's typical to see mermaids in the water five nights a week.

So as the owner of the O'Haire Motor Inn and the Sip 'n Dip Lounge in Great Falls began preparing to reopen the bar after eight weeks of coronavirus-related restrictions, she wanted things to be as close to normal as possible — and that included the underwater entertainment.

Sandra Thares said she emailed regulators for guidance on whether mermaid shows could resume.

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The cost of a plot of land purchased by a Mississippi man for a hunting camp, which was discovered to be the site of an old cemetery. Bobby Wilkerson shared documents handed down to him showing that his great-great-grandparents were buried at Crout Sisters Cemetery in Scott County in the 1790s, WLBT-TV reported. The new

landowner, who bought the plot to have a place to stay while hunting in the area, lives out of state, according to Scott County Sheriff Mike Lee, and was working to restore the cemetery.

After some back-and-forth in which the governor's office noted hotel pools could reopen for registered guests with social distancing guidelines, the county OK'd the mermaid entertainment as long as only one mermaid was in the pool at a time, Thares said. There's usually two. For now, the mermaids will get one four-hour shift per week.

Woman charged with mistreating horses

KY MONTICELLO — Police have charged a woman with 44 counts of animal cruelty after finding malnourished and dead horses on a Kentucky farm, according to court records.

Jacqueline Helton, 53, also

faces charges of concealing diseased animals and improperly disposing of dead animals, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported, citing an arrest warrant from Kentucky State Police.

Officials searched and found four dead horses and 44 living ones, according to the warrant.

Helton has faced similar charges in the past. In 2015, she was charged with animal cruelty, but the counts were dropped after she completed diversion.

Man on parole arrested for driving drunk again

WI MADISON — A Lake Delton man on parole for drunken driving is facing his fifth intoxicated driving charge after crashing his motorcycle on

Interstate 94 in Jefferson County. The man, 63, wasn't breathing when a motorist stopped and found him along the interstate, according to authorities.

Officials say the man wasn't wearing a helmet when he crashed into a construction barrel. The motorist performed CPR and the man was taken to a hospital in Oconomowoc.

Authorities said intoxicants were found at the scene and the odor of intoxicants was detected on the man, the State Journal reported.

Coroner arrested for stealing campaign signs

GA METTER — A Georgia coroner was arrested in the theft of a political rival's campaign signs, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said.

Candler County Coroner Allen Tyler faces charges of theft and criminal trespass, according to the GBI news release. Tyler was caught on camera stealing the signs of candidate Joe Carter, the release said.

The release said the bureau was asked on April 8 to investigate allegations that campaign signs were stolen.

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Funny guy in the shadows

Comedy writer Alan Zweibel shares behind-the-scenes tales in 'Laugh Lines'

By LYNN ELBER
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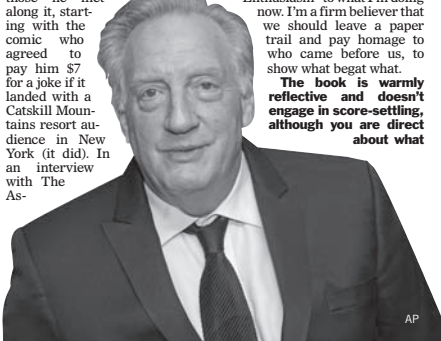
You might not know it, but if you treasure the early years of "Saturday Night Live" or are a fan of "It's Garry Shandling's Show" or "Curb Your Enthusiasm," Alan Zweibel makes you laugh.

In nearly 50 years and counting as a writer, Zweibel helped shape the tone of "SNL" and crafted TV and stage projects with Billy Crystal, Gilda Radner and Larry David. He belatedly overcame the nerves that stymied a stand-up career, but Zweibel's behind-the-camera success crowds out regret.

He details the high points and some painfully low ones in "Laugh Lines: My Life Helping Funny People Be Funnier." The foreword by Crystal praises the Emmy-winning Zweibel for approaching everything he writes "with the same fervor and dedication to making it funny." And, since Crystal is no slouch at punch lines, he offers a complete list including Zweibel's "small-claims-court pleas."

The pair worked together on Crystal's one-man 2004-05 Broadway play "700 Sundays" and the upcoming movie "Here Today," adapted from a short story by Zweibel. Crystal directed and stars with Tiffany Haddish.

The memoir recounts Zweibel's career path and those he met along it, starting with the comic who agreed to pay him \$7 for a joke if it landed with a Catskill Mountains resort audience in New York (it did). In an interview with The As-



sociated Press, the affable Zweibel, 69, discussed the joys of creative partnerships.

AP: Why did you decide to write 'Laugh Lines'?

Zweibel: I thought I might be one of the few people out there, if the only one, whose career spans the Catskills through "Curb Your Enthusiasm" to what I'm doing now. I'm a firm believer that we should leave a paper trail and pay homage to who came before us, to show what beget what.

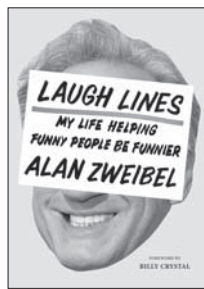
The book is warmly reflective and doesn't engage in score-settling, although you are direct about what

it was like to work with Ryan O'Neal and Fawcett on a failed sitcom and the friction you had with Shandling and, at times, with Radner.

What would the point be to either settle a score, as you say, or to speak negatively? This is about the experience of writing for people. So much of it has been exhilarating and rewarding, some of it has been trying. I want to be somewhat instructive in a way. I would love students of comedy to pick this (book) up and see what it's like to collaborate, see what it takes to do this. And yeah, there are ups and downs. Me and Gilda was easy, me and Gary was easy. It came with stuff because you're married in a way; you're married through your work.

You wrote the book and play 'Bunny Bunny' about your relationship with Radner.

"Bunny" is life-affirming even though she passes away because the relationship still exists, still endures. It's a platonic love affair, so there's a purity about the friendship. She was Aunt Gilda to my children. My wife, Robin, and she became best friends.



Of those you worked with, was Radner most important to you?

She was the first collaborator that I had that for a sustained period of time and at such a formative time. Garry Shandling has his own special place, so does Billy Crystal. I started out with Billy when we were both at the (comedy) clubs in 1973 or '74. He used to pick me up at my mom and dad's house on Long Island and we'd go and tell jokes at the clubs and listen to the cassettes on the way back. And we'd give each other notes. Then so many years later, he asked me to collaborate with him on "700 Sundays." This was such a high point for me because he trusted me with his family.

Banton calls new single with Legend 'special'

It's been over a decade since reggae king Buju Banton and R&B star John Legend collaborated on a song, and the Grammy winners have reunited for a new track.

Banton and Legend released their easygoing love song "Memories" on May 8. It is the first single from Banton's upcoming album "Upside Down," his first studio project since 2010's "Be a Man, the Dawn."

"This is another special one with my good friend John," Banton said. "We hope the masses love it."

Banton and Legend first collaborated in 2009 on the song "Can't Be My Lover."

"I was so excited to collaborate with Buju on another song. He's an icon, and this song is another classic," Legend said.

Banton, 46, has released several singles since returning to the music industry following a federal prison stint that derailed his career and life. He was released in December 2018 after serving seven years on drug charges.

Banton, one of the most respected acts in reggae, said his time away contributed to his evolution and he hopes it can be heard through his new music.

Since being freed, Banton has signed a deal with Jay-Z's Roc Nation entertainment company, released the songs "Steppa" and "T" and gave a comeback concert in his native Jamaica.

New Amazon series fetes 'Regular Heroes'

An eight-part docuseries spotlighting Americans on the front lines of the coronavirus crisis is coming to Amazon.

"Regular Heroes," which premiered May 8, celebrates health care workers, first responders, grocery store employees, farmers, bus drivers, delivery personnel, sanitation workers, police officers and others "going above and beyond to support their communities."

Musician Alicia Keys was to appear in the pilot episode to help tell the stories of the project's first three subjects, including a volunteer caring for the homeless community in Los Angeles. Keys' motivational song "Good Job," which was released last month as a response to the pandemic, will also be featured in the show.

"I'm happy to know this series will not only give support to but also put a face on the incredible people," Keys said in a statement.

"We are so proud to celebrate people who are doing so much to transform the lives of people in their communities," said Jennifer Salke, head of Amazon Studios, in a statement. "This show is inspired by the individuals who give so much to others every day of the year but even more so during this challenging time. They are true role models, and we can't wait to share their stories."

New episodes of "Regular Heroes" will debut each Friday on Amazon Prime Video. Viewers are also encouraged to enter their own heroes on the series' website for a chance to be featured in future installments.

'Let's Make a Deal' invites frontline workers

Wayne Brady and the folks at "Let's Make a Deal" want to honor those fighting the coronavirus — and they don't have to wear their capes if they don't want to.

The CBS daytime game show that usually has a studio audience in zany costumes is asking front-line workers to submit a video audition for an upcoming special online edition of the show.

"The idea sprang into my head because I wanted for us at 'Deal' to not only bring smiles to our loyal Deal Family, but to give hope and something to look forward to," Brady, the host, told The Associated Press.

"In times like this, a small token can go a long way. ... I wanted us to be that bright spot in their day," Brady said.

Several contestants on the "Let's Make a Deal: At Home" edition of the show have been front-line workers, but the new recruitment is intended to help dedicate an entire show to them.

"Let's Make a Deal" hopes to attract "doctors, nurses, paramedics, delivery drivers, nursing home attendants and any other individual out there providing care, safety and services."

To land a spot on the show, hopefuls should submit a short video detailing their line of work and why they would be a good candidate. Videos should be emailed to LMADataHome@gmail.com.

Brady and announcer Jonathan Mangum have adapted to the shelter-in-place orders with a stripped down, audience-less version of the show on Facebook, which still offers deals to a handful of contestants.

Billie Eilish, dad to host Apple Music radio show

If you're quarantined at home with your parents right now, count your blessings if you can have as nice a time as Billie Eilish and her dad seem to be enjoying.

Eilish announced a new Apple Music program, "me & dad radio," featuring her and her father, Patrick O'Connell, an actor who has appeared in "The West Wing" and "Iron Man." The two will spin their favorite songs and intergenerational deep cuts and talk about the music that shaped their lives.

"My dad and I have had this relationship over the years of sharing music with each other," Eilish told Apple Music's Zane Lowe. "My dad has shown me some of my favorite songs in the world and I've shown him songs that he loves and adores also."

Eilish, 18, most recently showed off the range of her taste on Global Citizen's "Together at Home" broadcast with a delightful cover of Bobby Hebb's 1963 soul cut "Sunny" with her brother/producer Finneas, so the conversation will probably go fairly deep into pop history as well.

The first episode aired May 8. Eilish previously hosted an Apple Music show, "groupies have feelings too," focused on contemporary music. Artists at the crux of pop and more progressive genres, like Frank Ocean and Drake, have used the platform to champion more avant-garde peers with their shows, and Eilish's vast popularity could introduce a range of older music to Gen Z fans.

History channel, Clinton working on doc series

The History channel says former President Bill Clinton will help shape and be a part of an upcoming documentary series on the American presidency.

During an announcement of programming plans on May 7, the network said the series will "explore the history of the American presidency and the struggle for a more perfect union." It is being produced internally by the History channel and is expected to air in early 2021.

History says it has signed with historian Doris Kearns Goodwin to make presidential miniseries on Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. Goodwin's signing comes after "Washington," released this year, became the most-watched miniseries on cable over the past three years.

Other news

■ After initially being pushed from April to June this year, **MegaCon Orlando** has announced it won't return for a full show until March 2021. The larger-than-life convention for fans of comic books, sci-fi, anime and gaming attracts more than 100,000 people annually. Like many other festivals and events this year, MegaCon is feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has prevented large crowds from gathering due to health concerns.

■ **Brian Howe**, the former lead singer of the British rock band Bad Company, died May 6 after suffering a heart attack while in his Florida home. He was 66.

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OPINION

Flynn's troubling deception remains

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With the Justice Department's move Thursday to drop its case against former national security adviser Michael Flynn, it's useful to go back to a basic question: If Flynn did nothing wrong when he called the Russian ambassador on Dec. 29, 2016, the day President Barack Obama imposed sanctions on Russia for interfering in the presidential election, why did he conceal it?

One issue from the beginning was whether Flynn's call to Ambassador Sergey Kislyak violated the Logan Act, which bars private U.S. citizens from trying to influence another country about "disputes" with the United States. But that was always a somewhat shaky legal argument. As I noted in my Jan. 12, 2017, column, which first disclosed Flynn's call, the Logan Act has never been criminally enforced.

I wrote on Feb. 11, two days before he resigned: "Michael Flynn's real problem isn't the Logan Act, an obscure and probably unenforceable 1798 statute that bars private meddling in foreign policy disputes. It's whether President Donald Trump's national security adviser sought to hide from his colleagues and the nation a pre-inauguration discussion with the Russian government about sanctions that the Obama administration was imposing."

In that column, I quoted a question posed to me by Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the House Intelligence Committee chairman who would later lead the impeachment investigation of Trump. "Why would [Flynn] conceal the nature of the call unless he was conscious of wrongdoing?"

There was always a deeper problem, one that still isn't resolved. Why was the Trump administration so eager to blot out the punishment Obama gave to Russia for

what we now know was gross interference in our presidential election? In his Dec. 29 expulsion of 35 Russian diplomats, Obama was trying to impose costs on an adversary. The evidence shows that Flynn wanted to reassure this same adversary and to avoid confrontation.

How do we know that was Flynn's intention? Because he said so in his Nov. 30, 2017, guilty plea admitting he had made false statements about his conversations with Kislyak. The "statement of the offense" that accompanied the agreement states that on Dec. 29, 2016, after discussions with another transition team official, Flynn "called the Russian Ambassador and requested that Russia not escalate the situation and only respond to the U.S. Sanctions in a reciprocal manner."

Was Flynn improperly tricked in his Jan. 24, 2017, interview with the FBI into misstating what he had told Kislyak? If so, why did he resign and later plead guilty?

In Flynn's Feb. 13, 2017, resignation letter, he admitted that he had made misleading statements to Vice President Mike Pence about the Kislyak call. Here's how he put it: "Because of the fast pace of events, I inadvertently briefed the Vice President Elect and others with incomplete information regarding phone calls with the Russian ambassador." That's not the FBI talking, it's Flynn. And the question, again, is why he misstated the facts.

On the day he resigned, Flynn offered a more revealing account in an interview with the Daily Caller. He explained that the talk with Kislyak "was about the 35 guys who were thrown out. ... It was basically, 'Look, I know this happened. We'll review everything.'"

Why does this matter? Because the issue Flynn was discussing with Kislyak was so serious. Russia had secretly subverted our democratic elections. Obama, who had delayed sanctions far too long, finally took action with the Dec. 29 expulsions. He did

so on behalf of the nation, whose election system had been attacked.

The intelligence community had first disclosed Russia's meddling on Oct. 7, 2016, in a statement that charged that "Russia's senior-most officials" had conducted a cyberattack "intended to interfere with the U.S. election process."

That initial damaging assessment was amplified in a Jan. 6, 2017, report, in which the intelligence community said Russia had tried to "denigrate" the Democratic candidate, Hillary Clinton, and "harm her electability and potential presidency" and that Moscow had a "clear preference" for Trump.

The Senate Intelligence Committee, led by a Republican, spent the past three years investigating whether our spy chiefs' finding was correct. Its judgment: "The committee found no reason to dispute the intelligence community's conclusions."

We know the FBI made some serious mistakes in the Russia investigation. The misstatements and omissions by FBI officials in their applications for surveillance of Trump campaign aide Carter Page were egregious. The recent disclosures about how they prepared to question Flynn in 2017 should trouble anyone who worries about abuse of power by federal investigators seeking damning information from a suspect.

But none of that addresses the fundamental question that got this story rolling in the first place: Why was the incoming national security adviser telling the Kremlin's man in Washington not to worry about the expulsion of 35 of his spies, because when the new administration took office, "we'll review everything"?

That was the wrong message to be sending in December 2016. And with the accumulation of evidence since then about the scope of Russian subversion, it's even more troubling.

Honoring nurses, troops extra special this year

There are so many stories of grief and deep sorrow, of incredible teamwork, selflessness, strength and endurance.

■ Similarly, the Air Force evacuated citizens and staff stranded abroad, including military personnel who became infected overseas.

■ The Coast Guard had the challenge of working with the cruise ships, providing, particularly, advice on passengers who had become ill. They also treated the patients, including Italian citizens, with non COVID-19, and they flew back samples and swabs from Italy to be examined in the U.S.

These "organized" examples leave out the many above-expectation initiatives of individuals from all ranks that, while no surprise, highlight the strength and character of our military.

The U.S. military has renowned research labs, and they are teaming together, and also working with civilian labs, to crack the COVID-19 codes for the essential tests and vaccines.

Last but not least, we hail the brilliant teamwork of the Navy's Blue Angels and the Air Force's Thunderbirds, who dazzled with their precision, and delighted so many. Unfortunately, they could not hear our roars of amazement and gratitude.

There are so many stories of grief and deep sorrow, of incredible teamwork, selflessness, strength and endurance. Our hope should be that the present sense of a much closer community, with our humanity shining through, will be lasting.

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"Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

— Winston Churchill

It is now beyond dispute that America has a treasure trove of health care heroes, long overlooked. We can recognize their dedication and we cannot but recognize the appalling havoc and disaster wrought by COVID-19. This is not hyperbole. It is so obvious that we are in the midst of an unprecedented humanitarian crisis across the world and right on our shores. The front line, medical professionals and those who make the hospitals function, they all have shown us incredible courage bolstered by their expertise, mental strength, dedication and sheer fortitude.

It is timely that May 6 to 12 celebrates national's critical roles with National Nurses Week, with its distant connection to Florence Nightingale — who ministered to the British wounded in the Crimean War. (Nightingale was lauded for setting the professional standards for modern nursing.)

This month of May hosts another national recognition. It is Military Appreciation Month, honoring the sacrifices of the U.S. armed forces. In this unprecedented crisis, the military, all forces engaged, has quietly joined the civilian heroes in this new kind of war at home, and has pitched in on many fronts. They too should be lauded.

The armed forces are now a part of this

OPINION

Here's how college students can return this fall

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Special to The Washington Post

For some colleges and universities, the decision to bring back in-person research and instruction this fall is a matter of basic economic survival. But even where it is not, the pandemic crisis threatens the essence of college life. No distance-learning program, regardless of how well-thought-out or planned it is, can replace the interactions among students, faculty and others that normally take place on college campuses.

Our students have expressed frustration about taking all of their classes online. What's more, some from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds haven't had access to the technology, resources or quiet spaces necessary for effective distance learning.

For all of these reasons, we urge campuses to bring students and in-person instruction back for the fall term. A return to in-person instruction should follow a strategy based on the latest science, balanced with efforts to restore campus life — with particular care for those who are most likely to suffer adverse health effects from COVID-19. Although college students generally fall into an age category that has not experienced significant negative impacts or mortality because of the coronavirus, others they interact with, such as faculty and staff, may be at higher risk.

There isn't a one-size-fits-all road map for schools looking to bring students back to campus. But there are a few considerations and recommendations that apply to potential solutions.

First, institutions should put in place a comprehensive testing and contact tracing program for any student attending class in person or living on campus, any faculty member offering instruction, or any support staff or administrators regularly interacting with students. They should



Northeast State Community College President Bethany Flora hands a cap and gown to a graduate during a drive-through event Tuesday on the Blountville, Tenn., campus.

consider testing faculty, staff and students when they arrive on campus (or require the results from a recent diagnostic test before returning) and continue a regular testing regimen as the school year goes on. Future scientific innovations, such as serology tests that can accurately determine who might be immune to the virus, will give academic communities even greater reassurance.

Many colleges already have communications systems that allow them to notify students and affiliates of emergency situations on campus via SMS or email. These systems should be adapted to furnish test results, inform recipients of possible exposure to the virus and assist in contact tracing when cases are identified.

Second, institutions should consider how they will handle residential and other

on-campus environments where social distancing may be difficult. Additional monitoring of people entering campus buildings, such as through temperature checks, will probably become the norm. Given that many universities do not have excess residential capacity or space, it will be difficult to create physical distance between students in dormitories. Staggered returns to campus might be needed. In addition to promoting hand hygiene, as well as mandating mask-wearing while in most on-campus buildings, institutions should engage in additional cleaning and sanitation of high-traffic areas such as bathrooms, gyms and common rooms, to build confidence in a return to on-campus life.

Third, because faculty and administrators on campuses are more likely to be older or have health conditions that make

them more susceptible to COVID-19, special attention must be paid to mitigating risk for the more vulnerable. This may mean a continuation of distance learning in some cases, or staggering course offerings so that the initial terms of the 2020-2021 academic year (the fall and winter quarters at Stanford University, for example) are offered only by younger faculty members, or if the science warrants, by those who test positive for protective antibodies from the virus.

Fourth, colleges and universities should ensure that they are coordinating the return of students not only with university-affiliated medical centers, but also health care facilities in surrounding communities. Information-sharing and coordination with local and state public health authorities are key to ensure overall care capacity in the community.

Finally, institutions should consider placing travel restrictions on faculty, students and staff during the academic term. At the very least, institutions should track any trips that individuals take once instruction has started. Institutions might apply even more stringent requirements to those who engage in international travel or who travel to domestic hot spots. That could include testing upon return, with a mandatory off-campus quarantine if individuals exhibit symptoms or test positive for the virus.

Colleges and universities have a lot of work to do if they want to welcome students back on campus this fall. But in-person instruction, and the benefits that accompany student life in institutions across the United States, are essential parts of the higher-learning experience. It's an effort well worth making.

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‘New normal’ likely will be a shock to the system

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Everybody is talking about “getting back to normal.”

That will not happen, not in our lifetime. “Normal” will be different.

All modern major cataclysms have affected us significantly, from the Depression to the World Wars to the Vietnam War to 9/11 to the Great Recession. They gave us Social Security, long security lines at airports, magnetometers before entering public buildings, the end of the draft, tighter mortgage requirements.

Here are some major changes in the “American way of life” that many agree will affect us for years to come because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Millions of us will never go back to a workplace with dozens of other colleagues. Employers have discovered that it's much cheaper and, some say, possibly more productive to have many workers working from home. Technology, already available and obnoxiously intrusive, will ensure that we really are working. But humans need social interaction; businesses will be challenged to find the new water cooler.

Mass transit will take a huge hit as ridership stays low and public outings for much-needed maintenance and updating decline.

Fewer Americans will take a chance on starting small retail stores, already reeling from online sales. Entrepreneurship will flourish, as it always does in America, but with new and different outlets. Drones, with all their promise and downsides, will become more prevalent.

Getting “dressed up,” meaning wearing heels, ties and business suits, will become even more rare. Informality will rule.

Being out in public will be much different. Temperature checks and social distancing will remain. Restaurants, salons, gyms, coffee shops, arenas and many other establishments will have to redesign to keep customers farther apart. Wearing masks will be taken for granted, as will carrying hand sanitizer, hand-washing and being tested and vaccinated.

Politics will get even nastier. Donald Trump proved that many Americans are receptive to con men, including corrupt ones who use the office to enrich themselves and their families. The barriers between “liberals” and “conservatives” will only get stronger and interactions more bitter. And our national debt will soar.

Trust in institutions will decline even more. From media to the White House, from major sports to major religions, from Congress to police officers trying to enforce stay-at-home orders, a majority of Americans actively distrust anyone in authority.

Medicine will get easier to enter because America has realized the importance of having more nurses, doctors and technicians. The long, expensive path to a medical license is counterproductive. Telemedicine will become routine. And respect for first responders and front-line medical personnel will be as high as gratitude to service members. But it will take time before we feel comfortable going for routine medical procedures.

The inequality divide may get even larger, fed by the difference between those who can use the internet for work and those who must endanger their health by working physically. Forty-two million Americans have no access to broadband, which proved a disaster when teachers tried to teach remotely.

It will take a long time before most Americans travel abroad again, but it is to be hoped that the global community will put aside differences and work together on planning for future pandemics, because they will occur. Scientists already have started doing this, reaching across borders to confer on therapeutics and vaccine research.

The next administration in the White House, after Trump leaves, will return to planning for pandemics and natural disasters.

But, sadly, the wave of nationalism going around the world is likely to strengthen.

The 1918 influenza pandemic, that killed at least 50 million people, began in Kansas; this one began in China. The blame game always accompanies a pandemic.

We have learned the joys of neighborliness, but we have a new hunger for being together — for appreciating family and friends in person, for celebrating life's high points, for mourning together, for hope and kindness.

But routine handshakes and the insincere social hug and air kisses may be gone for good.

Daters will have to get more innovative. Dinner and a movie may not seem so enticing. But the boys and the girls do find ways to get together.

The truth, of course, is that our world has been rocked in ways we don't yet fathom. We will spend years trying to cope with and adapt to changes that will either make us stronger or immobilize us. We have found the weaknesses in our social fabric and find we are not as invincible or as smart as we thought. We may ask ourselves “who are we?” and find ourselves stunned at the answer.

Just as we have largely forgotten 1918, future generations will not fully realize our heartbeat. But the toll we are paying across the board is epic.

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NHL/NFL

GMs aren't thrilled with early draft proposal

Move would complicate trades, salary caps

By STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

The NFL's successful virtual draft and uncertainty surrounding the resumption of hockey this season have raised the possibility of an NHL draft held before the Stanley Cup Final.

After postponing its draft scheduled for June 26-27 in light of the coronavirus pandemic, the NHL is considering having it earlier in June with the season in an indefinite suspension. There are mixed feelings among executives about the idea, ranging from frustration to begrudging acceptance.

"We're just going to try to prepare as though it's going to happen," Toronto Maple Leafs general manager Kyle Dubas said. "It's not going to be normal regardless of what it is, so we're fine with whatever is decided."

Unlike the NFL, which held its draft as usual in the middle of its offseason, the NHL would face several wrinkles going forward with a draft held before the season is complete. Teams would not be able to trade players, there would be a lack of clarity over next year's salary cap and the draft order could be determined before all games are played.

It would put hockey back in the spotlight for a couple of days. It would also create plenty of headaches for those involved.

"I have not talked to one GM who I like it, and I talk to almost all of them," agent Allan Walsh said Thursday.

A week after the league sent a memo to teams outlining its proposal, Deputy NHL Commis-



sioner Bill Daly on Friday said a decision has not made on the timing of the draft. GMs have asked for a month's notice before holding a draft.

"My thought is: Why would you do that? Why do you need to do that?" Red Wings GM Steve Yzerman said on Fox Sports Detroit. "I haven't heard a good reason why we should do it prior to the end of the season if we do conclude the season over the course of the summer."

Yzerman's Red Wings could actually benefit from an adjusted draft lottery that gives him better odds at the top pick, likely Alexis Lafreniere. But Yzerman pointed to a litany of unknowns, including who's in and out of the playoffs and how the draft order is determined.

There's also the matter of the 2020-21 salary cap, which was initially projected at \$84 million but is now expected to be set at the current \$81.5 million or less.

"The draft serves a lot of different purposes in giving GMs the tools to build their roster for the



PHOTOS BY CARLOS OSORIO (ABOVE, LEFT) AND RYAN REMIOWZ (ABOVE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP)

Red Wings GM Steve Yzerman, above, left, said he hasn't heard a good reason to hold the NHL Draft early. However, the Detroit Red Wings could benefit from an adjusted draft lottery that gives them better odds at the top pick, likely Alexis Lafreniere of Canada, above.

next year apart from just drafting seven rounds of players," Walsh said. "The cap teams — the Torontos, the Tampas — are going to have to move at least one big contract to make it work. And the time to do it is at the draft. But you can't do it under a first week or second week of June scenario when you don't know if the season is canceled or whether we are really going to come back and play."

Daly said the NHL still hasn't decided when to allow players to return to team training facilities for small group workouts, which would be the first step toward a return.

The league continues to work internally and with the NHL Players' Association on various scenarios, including resuming at three or four empty NHL arenas and pushing the start of next season back to December.

With that in mind, Los Angeles GM Rob Blake said the Kings are "quite comfortable with either scenario" of the draft happening in June or later. Many of his colleagues are in the same boat.

"We'll have to work with it, obviously," Blake said. "The one thing we know for sure is nothing will be status quo, so whether it's prior in June or later, you're going to have to make the necessary adjustments."

Falcons' Allen uneasy about practicing

By CHARLES ODUM
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Ricardo Allen didn't budge when Georgia was one of the first states to open businesses during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Atlanta Falcons safety believes it is smart to stay home. He says he worries about the time when teams across the league open for practice.

Restaurants, barber shops and other businesses were cleared by Gov. Brian Kemp in late April to open their doors. Allen believes the smart move is to stay home.

The NFL has set protocols for reopening team facilities and has made a 2020 season seem more real by releasing schedules this week. All of which makes Allen uneasy.

"This is nerve-wracking," he said this week. "This is different. This is something that us as players and us as human beings, we've never had to think about before."

The NFL has not announced dates when players can return to team facilities.

Allen sees daily reminders of lives lost to COVID-19 as he adheres to his quarantine. He knows the virus can kill anyone, even professional athletes.

"It's tough to look at the news sometimes and see all the cases and all the trauma and the deaths that

are going on in this world, and we know that we're not like immune to it," Allen said. "We know no one is immune to it."

That's why Allen stays home. He says most of his teammates have taken the same safety-first stance "as much as possible."

"Everybody is still trying to find ways to be creative and still work out, but really that's all I've seen my teammates do," he said. "I haven't seen many people leave the house other than to just go to a private workout."

Falcons left tackle Jake Matthews' private workouts at his home near Houston have included time spent with his father, Pro Football Hall of Famer Bruce Matthews. Jake Matthews said last month his father puts him through "some old-school gasser conditioning run workout," and it's not easy.

Matthews relishes the extra time with his father but misses the traditional offseason program.

"When we were supposed to be showing up and reporting ... it just felt weird," Matthews said. "It felt like I was missing out, like everyone else was there and I wasn't. It really is a weird situation and it does make you kind of reflect a little bit."

Those reflections have convinced him he's ready to play.

"Yeah, I'm dying to get back at this point," Matthews said. "I've enjoyed the time off and kind of hanging out at home, but I'm ready for ball to start back up again."

'We know no one is immune to it.'

Ricardo Allen
Falcons safety

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BEST SPORTS MOVIES

No. 5: 'Slap Shot'

Despite hockey's changes, film's iconic lines stick

By STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

A few nights after one of their players was injured by a dirty hit, the Johnstown Jets plotted to exact some revenge on Buffalo's Greg Need.

An all-out brawl broke out during warmups and the North American Hockey League game was postponed, much to the dismay of ownership and presumably the fans at a sold-out War Memorial Arena. It just so happened that director George Roy Hill was in the arena that night, cameras rolling. The real-life minor league fight was simply further inspiration for his 1977 movie "Slap Shot," ranked No. 5 in a vote by the sports staff of The Associated Press on the Top 25 sports movies of all time.

Bawdy, bloody and irreverent, the movie is a wild ride through the final season of the fictional Charlestown Chiefs, a loser of a team in a blue-collar town with thousands of factory workers facing layoffs. The team is on the chopping block and things are grim until aging captain Reggie Dunlop, played to perfection by Paul Newman, figures out the Chiefs can at least draw fans — and maybe land a buyer — if they abandon "old-time hockey" and goon it up with the rough stuff from the bespectacled Hanson brothers and their mostly eager teammates.

"It's one of those iconic movies that has so many spots in it where the words come up and you use it in dressing rooms and stuff all the time," said longtime NHL coach Bruce Boudreau, who actually played for the Jets and has a non-speaking role in the film.



STACY BENGS/AP

Minnesota Wild head coach Bruce Boudreau played for the Johnstown (Pa.) Jets, the team the movie "Slap Shot" was based off of and had a non-speaking role in the film.

About the film

Year: 1977
Screenwriter: Nancy Dowd
Director: George Roy Hill
Starring: Paul Newman
Plot: The coach (Newman) of a struggling minor league hockey team turns to goonery to attract fans.
Iconic Line: "They don't want you to score goals! They want blood!" — Reggie Dunlop (Newman)
Oscars: No nominations
 — Associated Press

Long gone from hockey is the fighting and rampant cheap shots practiced by the Chiefs. That doesn't mean the movie doesn't resonate today, far from it. Like all the great ones of this ilk — from "Caddyshack" to "Bull Durham" and more — it is filled with lines that will never be forgotten.

Players still joke about putting on the foil for a fight. Someone is always the "chief punk" on the other team. Who can forget "the unfortunate Denny Pratt tragedy" or letting 'em' know you're there? Doesn't every league have an Ogie Ogleshorpe?

"Anybody who's played the game can still relate to it in some capacity because as much as it's changed, a lot of it is still the same," said Christian Hanson, the son of Dave Hanson and a veteran of 42 NHL games with Toronto between 2008-2011. "A lot of guys playing midget hockey, junior hockey, minor league hockey have gone through a lot of the bus trips and the playing cards on the bus and being on the road with the guys."

So relatable that three-time Stanley Cup-winning goalie



UNIVERSAL PICTURES/AP

Actors Jerry Houser, left, and Paul Newman, center, in a scene from the movie "Slap Shot."

Marc-Andre Fleury remade Denny Lemieux's famous opening scene about penalties. Edmonton star Connor McDavid called it "a movie that you can watch 100 times and still laugh at."

The hockey classic stemmed from the screenplay of Nancy Dowd, who visited her brother Ned, in Johnstown, Pa., when he was a player during the 1974-75 season. He used his tape recorder to capture locker-room life and she took it from there.

"I had to be true to the milieu (of minor league hockey players)," Dowd said at the time. "That's the way they talk."

It was the way they lived, too. Dunlop's apartment in the film? That was Boudreau's actual pad, picked because it was the messiest of any player's. The film also captures life in the minors off the ice — the long bus trips, the downtime in bars and motels. The characters are just characters, in every way, with no big plot twists to worry about.

Boudreau recalls spending as much as 10 hours a day in uniform waiting to shoot a scene, how brutally real some of the big hits were and the night he got to spend with Newman, Hill and Dave Hanson in the film room.

"Paul turns around to me at the one point and he said, 'This is gonna be a great movie,'" Boudreau said. "He was right."

Christian Hanson said his father and teammates didn't realize that at the time. The acting gig was just a second job between North American Hockey League games.

"It was one of those things where they couldn't find enough actors that could skate, so they figured that they would kind of give auditions to the guys that the characters were based off of," he said. "They knocked it out of the park and so they cast them."

Nick Nolte and Peter Strauss were among the actors who tried out and fell short because they couldn't skate; Al Pacino didn't even get a look. The child-like Hansons were based on the Carlsons, but only brothers Jeff and Steve were in the movie because



ANN HEISENFELT/AP

Fans dressed as the Hanson Brothers from the movie "Slap Shot" yell at players and referees as Minnesota Wild defenseman Clayton Stoner and Colorado Avalanche center Brad Malone are assessed penalties during Game 3 of an NHL first-round playoff series in St. Paul, Minn., on April 21, 2014.

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Bruce Boudreau

Longtime NHL coach who had a role as a player in the movie

Jack was called up to the World Hockey Association.

Jack Carlson was replaced by former teammate Dave Hanson, who still joins Jeff and Steve to make appearances as the Hanson brothers.

Christian Hanson didn't see "Slap Shot" for the first time until he was 13 — it wasn't a family ritual to watch it — but the retired forward thinks of it as part of the fabric of playing hockey.

"Somebody will throw out a line from 'Slap Shot' and everybody understands it," he said. "It's one of those things that transcends generations. The coach can be in the room giving a speech, and then all of a sudden one of the guys rattles off something that the Hanson brothers said when

they were sitting in the locker room before the game and everybody gets a chuckle.

"I think it's pretty neat that even to this day it's something that still holds true in locker rooms."

Editor's note: Recently, the Associated Press revealed its Top 25 of sports movies, as voted on by 70 writers and editors around the world. After compiling the list, the AP assigned writers to present stories examining the Top 10 from unique perspectives. This is the sixth in the series, a look at the impact of the film that was voted fifth, "Slap Shot."

MMA

Epidemiologist: UFC 'negligent' in restarting

BY GENE WANG
The Washington Post

The day after UFC 249 fighter Ronaldo "Jacare" Souza tested positive for the novel coronavirus, an Atlanta-based epidemiologist sharply criticized the mixed martial arts organization for botching proper safety protocols amid the pandemic.

Zachary Binney, an adjunct instructor of epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, posted to his Twitter page Saturday morning that UFC and its president, Dana White, "were negligent" in restarting too soon, adding, "If this was your system working as designed, your system is bogus."

The UFC announced Souza's positive test Friday, removing the middleweight from his scheduled bout against Uriah Hall for the event in Jacksonville, Fla. Two of Souza's cornermen also tested positive and like Souza, were found to be asymptomatic.

On Friday, Souza wore face protection and gloves as he stepped onto the scale during the weigh-in. He was tested again, according to published reports, before fighter faceoffs, during which white Time touched fists with Souza and came into contact with other fighters.

Souza, based in Orlando, Fla., had driven to Jacksonville on Wednesday and informed UFC officials he had been exposed to a family member infected with the coronavirus. UFC subsequently tested Souza, permitting him to remain on the card.

Souza and his entire team, according to a UFC statement, left the hotel to self-quarantine off the premises.

Video released early Saturday morning, however, appeared to show Souza failing to maintain social distance at the hotel around other fighters before the weigh-in.

"The response to this development is indicative of the effectiveness of the health and safety measures UFC has put in place for this event," the statement read in part, with UFC adding no other fighters had tested positive.

But in series of tweets, Binney questioned the UFC on several of its decisions, particularly as they related to social distancing. Binney, for instance, called the UFC "reckless" for allowing Souza to attend the weigh-in despite him having notified officials he had been exposed.

"No, I don't buy this is the system working as designed and put UFC and Dana White are being responsible," Binney tweeted.

UFC 249 was the first of three events this week, with approval from the Florida State Boxing Commission.

"If this was your system working as designed, your system is bogus."

Zachary Binney
adjunct instructor of epidemiology at Emory University, in a tweet Saturday after UFC fighter Ronaldo Souza tested positive for COVID-19



PHOTOS BY JOHN RAOUX/AP

Justin Gaethje, right, punches Tony Ferguson during his victory at UFC 249 on Saturday, in Jacksonville, Fla. Gaethje stunned the heavily favored Ferguson by TKO in the fifth round.

Return: President congratulates White, UFC in taped message

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The stacked card saw 33-year-old Henry Cejudo, with blood gushing from his forehead and running down his chest, defend his bantamweight title against Dominick Cruz and then announce his retirement in the middle of the octagon.

"I really do want to walk away, but money talks," said Cejudo, an Olympic gold medalist in 2008. "It gets stagnant. I want to leave on top."

The event also included heavyweight contender Francis Ngannou pummeling another opponent, former NFL defensive end Greg Hardy winning for the sixth time in eight fights and former welterweight champion and fan favorite Donald "Cowboy" Cerrone losing his fourth straight.

Trump grabbed the spotlight early. His taped message was played during ESPN's broadcast of the undercard.

"I want to congratulate (UFC President) Dana White and the UFC," Trump said. "They're going to have a big match. We love it. We think it's important. Get the sports leagues back. Let's play. Do the social distancing and whatever else you have to do. We need sports."

UFC 249 was originally scheduled for April 18 in New York, but was postponed in hopes of helping slow the spread of COVID-19.

The mixed martial arts behemoth will hold three shows in eight days in Jacksonville, where state officials deemed professional sports with a national audience exempt from a stay-at-home order as long as the location is closed to the public.

The UFC came up with a 25-page document to address health and safety protocols, procedures that led to Jacare Souza testing positive for COVID-19 on Friday. His middleweight bout against Uriah Hall was canceled that night. Souza's two cornermen also tested as positive, the UFC said.

All three men left the hotel to self-isolate elsewhere, where UFC's medical team will monitor their conditions remotely and provide assistance with necessary treatments.

The positive results surely increased the



33-year-old Henry Cejudo, with blood gushing from his forehead and running down his chest, defended his bantamweight title against Dominick Cruz before announcing his retirement.

focus on the event. Every other sport is watching closely to see how it plays out.

"The whole word is weird right now. Everything's weird. This event's weird," White said. "It's different. We live in a different world than we did two months ago. The bottom line is the system worked. What you don't want to do is two days after the fight say, 'Awe, Jacare tested positive.' So it worked. The system worked that we put in place."

Also on the card: ■ Cejudo (16-2) caught Cruz (22-3) with

a right knee to the face that sent him reeling to the canvas. Cejudo then delivered nearly a dozen unanswered blows before the referee stopped it. Cruz argued it never should have been called because he was working to get back on his feet. Cejudo surprisingly ended his career a few minutes later, saying he wants to spend more time with his family.

■ Ngannou knocked out fellow heavyweight Jairzinho Rozenstruik in 20 seconds. Ngannou rushed Rozenstruik and delivered a flurry of blows that left Rozenstruik woozy long after the fight ended. It was Ngannou's fourth consecutive victory totaling less than 3 minutes in the octagon.

■ Calvin Kattar (21-4) stopped Jeremy Stephens (28-18) in the second round after consecutive elbow blows, one standing and another on the ground.

■ Hardy (6-2) celebrated a unanimous decision over Yorgann De Castro (6-1) in a heavyweight bout.

■ "Showtime" Pettis (23-10) beat Cerrone (36-15) in a unanimous decision. Pettis won that one as well. Cerrone has dropped four in a row.

■ Aleksei "The Boa Constrictor" Oleinik (59-13-1) beat Fabricio Werdum (23-9-1) in a heavyweight bout featuring a pair of 42-year-olds. It was a split decision that included more toe-to-toe blows than ground grappling.

■ Carla Esparza (16-6) edged Michelle "Karate Hottie" Waterson (17-8) in a split decision. It was Esparza's third straight victory in the strawweight division.

■ Vicente Luque (18-7-1) won for the seventh time in eight fights when he beat Niko Price (14-4). The fight was ruled a TKO in the third round after Price developed a cut above his right eye. Luque was ahead on all three cards when it was called.

■ Featherweight Bryce Mitchell (13-1) defeated fellow grappler Charles Rosa (12-4) in a unanimous decision.

■ Light heavyweight Ryan Spann (18-5) extended his winning streak to eight by beating veteran Sam Alvey (33-14) in a split decision.

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Octagon reopens

UFC 249 ushers in fan-free, mask-filled return of sports

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

KJACKSONVILLE, Fla. icks, punches and grunts echoed through the empty arena. Coaches, commentators and camera clicks resonated like never before. Blood, sweat, swollen eyelids and face masks signaled the return of UFC, the first major sporting event to resume since the coronavirus shuttered much of the country for nearly two months.

UFC 249 ushered in a new look for sports, too. One without fans and amid several safety precautions.

‘We did this for you, to bring sports back.’

Tony Ferguson
UFC fighter

It was definitely different — two fighters adjusted their approaches because of what they heard announcers say — and a welcome reprieve for a sports-craved country that went nearly eight weeks with few live events.

“We did this for you, to bring sports back,” fighter Tony Ferguson told fans following his loss in the main event.

Five hours after President Trump congratulated UFC for restarting the sports world, Justin Gaethje stunned heavily favored Ferguson (26-4) in the finale. Gaethje earned a TKO in the fifth and final round of the headliner that was deemed an interim lightweight title bout. It essentially gives Gaethje (22-2) the right to fight titleholder Khabib Nurmagomedov next. Nurmagomedov was unable to fight this weekend because of travel restrictions.

Gaethje flipped over the top of the cage and back in following the biggest victory of his career. He then screamed repeatedly.

“I want the real one,” he said as he threw down the interim belt. “There’s no other fight I want right now.”

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JOHN RADUX/AP

Michelle Waterson and Carla Esparza fight without fans during their strawweight bout at UFC 249 Saturday in Jacksonville, Fla.

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As the sports world pauses to join the rest of the world in fighting the coronavirus pandemic, you will see fewer sports stories in Stars and Stripes. We look forward to resuming our normal coverage when the leagues and governing bodies determine it is safe for athletes and fans to return to competition.

